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vs A T. Summers, assumpsit. Demurrer to declaration sustained and plaintiff abides. Judgment to decree for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

Emmet M. Nichols vs Emanuel C. Mace, debt. Suit dismissed by agreement.

Kingman & Co. vs Andrew Miller; assumpsit. Default and court assesses damages at $1452.83. Judgment for same and costs.

John A. Dawson vs S. T. Nesbit, assumpsit. Demurrer to first count and demurrer sustained.

The national bank of Decatur vs A. J. Eldridge; confession; judgment for $55.61; execution issued.

Chancery Docket.

Ella Andrix vs Felix Andrix; divorce. Cause heard and decree as prayed.

Mary Willis vs Joseph C. Willis, divorce. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

Cora L. Browning vs W. L. Browning, divorce. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

Charlotte Poindexter vs George Poindexter; divorce. Cause heard by court. Decree as prayed

Abner Corey vs Laura Corey; divorce. Decree pro confesso. Cause heard by court. Decree as prayed.

Clara L. McClellan vs Henry T. McClellan, divorce. Motion by complainant for alimony and solicitor's fee.

In these cases the report of the master was approved and the cases stricken with leave

Festus McClure vs Wm. H. Barnett et al.

D. W. Brenneman vs L. Whitley et al.

John Kellar vs R. M. Tolladay et al.

W. H. Wallace vs Louis N. Seaton.

W. H. Walters vs Charles A. Snow.

D. J. Milligan vs Lucy Ward.

Equitable Loan and Investment association vs F. P. Reddy, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso on intervening petition as to defendant's not answering. Referred to master.

E. S. McCarty vs Wm. Taylor, partition. Demurrer to bill. Demurrer sustained and leave to amend bill. Rule to answer amended next Saturday.

O. F. Parker vs Agnes Roddy, foreclosure. Referred to master for computation.

John M. Gordon vs Michael Doran; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso as to defendants not answering and referred to master.

Harry B. Owsley vs L. B. Casner, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred to master.

People's Savings and Loan association vs J. F. Cooper, foreclosure. Master's report approved and decree of foreclosure for $1093.57 and solicitor's fee of $10 taxed as costs. Receiver to file an approved bond of $800. E. F. Kuny receiver.

Milton M. Sharp vs F. M. Burns, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso against defendants not answering and referred to master.

The Decatur Brewing Co. vs Mary Schwab, chancery. Motion to quash return and cross motion for leave to amend. Cross motion allowed. Leave to amend bill.

P. S. Outten vs Lewis B. Casner et al, foreclosure; on master's report decree for $2379.11.

Savings Fund Building association vs Arthur Rathburn et al, foreclosure; on report of master decree for $1350.64; solicitor's fee $75.

Henry B. Owsley vs Lewis B. Casner et al, foreclosure; on report of master and evidence decree for $10,725; solicitor's fee, $300

Decatur Mutual Loan association vs Alfred N. Ernest et al, decree for $638.74; solicitor's fee, $50.

Same vs Frank C. Myer, foreclosure; decree for $1646.25; solicitor's fee $100.

Same vs R. J. Simpson et al, foreclosure; decree for $292.19; fee $25.

Savings Fund Building association vs Julia Ann Conlon et al; foreclosure; decree for $859.34; fee $60.

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ARMENIAN RELIEF.

Statement that Unless Relief Comes Soon Thousands of Orphans Will Perish.

IOWA NATIONAL BANK FAILS

Belief that Goff Has Been Offered Attorney Generalship — Contest from Utah — Deaths from the Plague in India.

New York, Feb. 4.—The national Armenian relief committee recently forwarded $35,000 to Turkey. The committee has just received a cable from the international committee at Constantinople stating that the funds on hand are entirely inadequate to meet the awful destitution; that not less than 40,000 children have been made orphans by the massacres. These "Wards of Christendom" it is stated, can be cared for at the rate of a dollar a month and saved from debasing enslavement in Moslem homes. But thousands will perish before spring unless relief is sent at once. Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, is treasurer of the committee.

Iowa National Bank Fails.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The comptroller of the currency has received a telegram from Griswold, Iowa, announcing the failure of the First National bank in that place. Capital, $50,000. The December statement showed liabilities of $80,000; assets, $157,000; surplus, $10,000.

Titled Son Born.

London, Feb. 4.—Lady William Beresford, formerly the duchess of Marlborough previously Louise Hammersley, New York, has given birth to a son. Mother and child are doing well.

Belief that Goff is Chosen.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 4.—It is believed Judge Goff, of West Virginia, was tendered the attorney generalship two weeks ago but has hesitated to accept on account of his wife's health.

State Chairman Gowdy of Indiana, arrived this morning and says his object was to talk over Indiana matters. He blushed like a school girl when asked if he expected to become commissioner of pensions.

General Alger, the coming secretary of war, arrived this morning and says the object of his visit is to say a few words to McKinley for his friends.

Contest from Utah.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb 4.—Moses Thatcher who was defeated by Rawlins for the United States senatorship yesterday, announces that an appeal will be taken to the United States senate and contest made on the ground of the coercion of members of the legislature by Mormon church officers.

Deaths from the Plague.

Bombay, Feb. 4.—Official returns show there has been 5098 cases of plague to date and 3841 deaths.

Maj. George S. Roper Dead.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 4.—Major George S. Roper died yesterday morning. He was well known throughout the state, being a prominent Mason and member of the Knights Templar and Mystic Shrine, and for many years state Republican committeeman from this district. He was also prominent in insurance circles, being the secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Mutual of this city. In G. A. R. circles he is known nationally, having been chief of transportation on the staff of National Commander-in-Chief Lawler, and visited all part of the country with him. He acted as quartermaster to General Grant on the first march from Springfield to Quincy, and gained promotion, having a brevet rank of colonel at the close of the war. He was on the staff of General George H. Thomas until after the battle of Stone river, in which he gained the rank of major. He was an early friend of President Lincoln, and the campaign which resulted in Lincoln's election was his first active political experience.

Railway at Lincoln, Ill., in Trouble.

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 4.—The Lincoln Electric Street Railway company, composed of Bert M. Kuhn and W. H. Patterson of Bloomington, was made defendant yesterday in the circuit court of Logan county in a suit for a receiver. The application was made by J. T. Hoblit E. D Blinn, H. C. Quisenberry and W. H. Traner, owners of 100 6 per cent first mortgage bonds of $500 each, and is based on the alleged failure of the operating company to comply with a mortgage, held by the St. Louis Trust company, which requires the payment on July 1 and January 1 of interest coupons, agreeable to a trust deed executed May 8, 1895. It is charged that Patterson and Kuhn failed to insure the property, to pay taxes for 1895 and the taxes payable in February, 1896; to keep the track in good repair, and that they sold property without the consent of the orators. Accompanying the petition were affidavits by Hoblit and Blinn, to the effect that by reason of the depreciation of the property the road is not worth the amount due upon the bonds and interest, and at a foreclosure sale the property would not sell for enough to satisfy the amount due. The defendants, Patterson and Kuhn, resisted the appointment of a receiver, and entered a limited appearance by counsel, who urged more time for the consideration of the petition. The court reserved a decision until Thursday.

REFORM OFFERED CUBA.

The Queen Regent Signs the Document Which Promises Reforms Greater Than Granted Porto Rico.

Madrid, Feb. 4.—The queen regent today signed the plan for administrative reform in Cuba. The document will be published Saturday. It is understood the reforms consist chiefly in the creation of a council of administration composed of thirty-five members, of whom twenty-one are to be elected by the people, six by different corporations and the remainder to be one magistrate, one university professor, one archbishop and five former senators or deputies. The council of administration is empowered with the preparation of the budget, examine into the fitness of official appointed; to make the tariff subject to the conditions of Spanish imports to Cuba have forty per cent advantage. The governor general will represent the home government; have the right to nominate officials who should be Cubans or Spaniards who have resided for two years in Cuba. The other decrees concern the organization of municipalities which will be liberally represented. The municipal councils general will be empowered by their president to have exclusive control of public education. The government reserves extraordinary powers in the event of public disorders. Cuba will continue to elect representatives to the cortes as at present. Altogether the reforms are much broader than those granted to Porto Rico.

Hanna and the Senatorship.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The information from Ohio is very positive that unless something is done Hanna will not be appointed senator to succeed Sherman when the latter goes into the cabinet. Governor Bushnell is said to be determined to appoint Lieutenant Governor Asa W. Jones to the vacancy. This is supposed to be in accordance with Senator-elect Foraker's wishes. Senator Sherman is thoroughly aroused by the news. Until yesterday he was confident that Hanna would be appointed. He had written to Governor Bushnell strongly urging this action. He did not see how the governor could refuse to recognize the services of the chairman of the Republican national committee. Since he learned of the plan to make Jones the senator, Mr. Sherman has taken hold of the Ohio situation in earnest. He has shown his old-time masterful vigor in politics. Foraker's friends in the Ohio congressional delegation have been seen. The senator has talked to them very plainly. One of these representatives has gone to Ohio, carrying messages from Sherman warning Foraker and Bushnell of serious consequences if they persist in refusing the appointment to Mr. Hanna.

Persian Ruler's Gifts from Virginia.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 4.—A jeweler of Lynchburg received yesterday the following letter from Hon. Alexander McDonald United States minister to Persia:

"You will be pleased to know that the handsome ring which I purchased of you for his majesty, the shah, is now in the possession of his majesty. In a pleasant personal audience with him a few days ago I presented it, and it was graciously received with pleased expression. At the same time I delivered a Virginia young lady's lovely gift—a gold-embroidered tobacco pouch filled with some delightful tobacco. He examined it closely with evident admiration, and deigned to offer his royal thanks. That he had been kindly thought of so far away was evidently pleasing to him. So you and a far Alexandrian are unique and alone in the distinction that your handiworks repose in the imperial palace of the reigning occupant of the illustrious throne of Cyrus and Darius."

Bodies of Missing Miners Found.

Calumet, Mich., Feb. 4.—The bodies of the two missing miners, imprisoned in the Tamarack mine were found floating in the water at the bottom of the shaft. The fire is out but the mine is still full of gas and smoke.

Shipyards Burned.

Glasgow, Feb 4.—The shipyards of the Fairfield Ship Building company at Govan was burned today. The loss is a quarter of a million dollars. Four thousand persons are thrown out of employment.

WOLCOTT'S MISSION.

Reports are to the Effect that He is Not Meeting Great Encouragement.

INTERVIEWS FRENCH OFFICIALS

The Condition of Senator Harris of Tennessee Critical—Is Suffering an Attack of Grip—Is 79 Years Old.

Paris, Feb. 4.—Senator Wolcott had an interview with Premier Meline today. The Associated Press learns on authority that Wolcott interviews so far have been without the result hoped for. That with President Faure was short and formal.

Loubet, president of the senate, was enthusiastic on the subject of bimetallism but Meline was very well guarded. He is reported to have said, that, however favorable France might be to bimetallism, nothing could be done without the consent of England and Germany. In official quarters little confidence is felt in the success of Wolcott's mission, though he seems sanguine that England will participate in the movement.

Senator Harris' Condition.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The condition of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is worse today. His friends are alarmed. A surgical operation was performed on one of his eyes last night. He slept badly. This morning he is in much pain, and did not seem himself mentally. He is suffering from an aggravated attack of grip and his age, 79 years, is against him.

Incendiary Confesses.

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 4.—F. B. Nelson, alleged to be one of the firebugs who tried to burn the town of Williamsfield and did destroy a large elevator, has been arrested at the Shafer home, two miles north of Williamsfield. Officers also pulled out of bed "Big Joe" Shafer, who, it is alleged, was ringleader, but, after half dressing, he dodged through a side door and escaped. Nelson has confessed. He claims to have been intimidated by Shafer. Nelson says Shafer wanted revenge against the drug store for refusing to sell him liquor, and against grocery keepers Caldwell and Buckley for causing an execution to be served on him by a colored constable. His family held a note secured by insurance against the elevator. The pursuit of Shafer continued all day. Early this morning he slipped by the officers guarding his home, and entering, secured two loaded revolvers and succeeded in getting away. Later he appeared at a farm owned by his mother, and his pursuers missed him but a few moments. The hired man gave the pursuing party a wrong direction purposely, and threw them off the trail. The hired man was arrested. Sheriff Aldrich and Marshal Hinman left here this noon to direct the search. Large numbers, all armed, are scouring the country. Anxiety is felt by others, as Shafer is known to be a desperate character, and there are fears that if he is cornered he will shoot. It is believed that he is hiding somewhere in the neighborhood of his home.

Three Friends Piracy Case.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 4.—The news that the Attorney general of the United States had instructed the district attorney for the southern district of Florida to prosecute the steamer Three Friends as a pirate caused considerable uneasiness this morning among every one supposed to have anything to do with fitting out the last expedition of the vessel. The district attorney has not yet instituted such proceedings, but is now at work preparing the papers, and when the libel charging piracy is filed there will be no bond accepted for the release of the vessel.

A point here arises, for, if the vessel is held to be a pirate, then, of course, those on board must be guilty of piracy, and the grand jury has already refused to indict any one connected with the expedition on any charge whatever. It is understood, however, that the grand jury will be reconvened and ordered to return indictments against J. M. Barr, J. O Huau, Captain Myers, Captain Lewis, Captain Broward and others, who are alleged to have fitted out the Three Friends for her last trip. These men are uneasy for the Spanish agents here allege that they have induced a man who went on the last expedition to tell all he knows about the trip of the vessel and her alleged fight with a Spanish gunboat.

Domestic Tragedy at Joliet, Ill.

Joliet, Ill., Feb 4.—For several months George Tschan and his wife have not lived happily together, and yesterday the husband shot his wife three times and made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Both lie at the point of death in the hospital. The woman is 20 years old and was formerly Jennie Burke of Urbana, Ill. The husband's parents live in this city. He is 31 years old. Jealousy was the cause.

MARCHING AGAINST GOMEZ.

Gen. Weyler Takes the Field Again—Train Dynamited.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 4.—Captain General Weyler has resolved to make an attempt to force Maximo Gomez to battle, according to advices received from Havana last night by steamer Olivette. It was officially stated in Havana yesterday that Weyler, at the head of 15,000 men and with thirty pieces of artillery, had started from Cruces, where he has been encamped, to storm the Siguanea hills. These hills are located west of Cienfuegos, and are held by General Maximo Gomez with 9000 insurgents. Gomez is said to have plenty of arms and ammunition and some artillery, including two dynamite guns. It is not believed in Havana that Weyler will be able to force Gomez into general engagement unless the latter is willing. It is thought that Gomez will endeavor to lead the Spaniards far into the hills and then strike a deadly blow. It is said that Gomez has known that Weyler intended to advance for some time, and has had the route over which the Spaniards must march honeycombed with dynamite mines.

The insurgents in Pinar del Rio are still dynamiting trains there. Weyler claims the province is pacified. Tuesday morning a military train left San Cristobal. At a culvert near Taco Taco, the engine struck three dynamite bombs, and a terrible explosion followed. The engine, armored car and three other cars were torn to fragments. Six civilians, the captain of volunteers and twelve soldiers were killed outright. The engineer and fireman were mortally wounded and thirteen soldiers were also injured. The wreck took fire and two of the wounded were cremated. The insurgents who planned the explosion secured a quantity of arms and ammunition.

The insurgents will never accept the reforms Spain will offer. An emissary from Castillo's insurgent camp was in Havana yesterday and he says the Cubans are determined to accept nothing save independence. He says Castillo has 1200 well-armed men near Havana, and is preparing to raid the suburbs of the city.

Marcos Garcia, the renegade Cuban, commissioned by the government to attempt to bribe Gomez to leave the island, has decided that it would cost him his life to visit the insurgent chief on such an errand, and has written the Marquis de Ahumada, declining the commission.

Sheriff's Retaliation Upon an Editor.

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 4.—Sheriff Charles E. Smith yesterday threatened to deputize Mr. George W. McCardell, editor of the Williamsport Leader, to assist him in hunting Frank Gallagher, who is accused of killing William G. Miller, and who is said to be roaming around in the mountains of Franklin county. The threat of the sheriff was caused by an editorial which appeared in the Leader stating that Gallagher could be seen almost any day at a blacksmith shop near Fort Loudon. The sheriff has tried to make the capture and has offered an individual reward of $25 for Gallagher. He thinks now that the editor may do what the constables have failed to accomplish.

Captured a Big Eagle.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Feb. 4.—Tuesday morning Roscoe Bullock, living in the bottoms four miles west of town, fired at and wounded a large American eagle which had been hovering near his premises the past week. The bird, which was disabled by a shot in the wing, showed fight, and was captured only after a fierce resistance. It was brought to town, its wound dressed and bandaged and was then placed in a cage improvised from a large dry goods box and has been on exhibition on Washington street since. The eagle has a wing spread of 7 feet 2 inches from tip to tip. It is supposed to be the mate of the one killed by Mr. Ed Dufur near the same place last November.

Mysteries Connected with Burned Building.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 4.—The mystery surrounding the case at Fulford depends on whether the body found in the ruins of the burned store may be Novak, the proprietor or Ed Murray his companion. The body is claimed by both families. There are rumors of suicide, foul play and accident. The inquest will be held this afternoon.

A Good Bill.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb 4.—A bill was introduced in the house [illegible] nishing by five years in the pen[illegible] any married man found guilty of matrimonial infidelity under any circumstances whatever.

Don't Flirt.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 4.—A bill was introduced in the legislature making flirting with female passengers by railway conductors and brakemen punishable by a fine of $[illegible]. The fine is collectable from the corporation owning the road.

STATE ASSEMBLY.

Stirring Scene in the Senate Last Evening—Littler Arraigns a Member fo Incompetence.

SENATOR DUNLAP REPLIES TO-DAY

Says the Deficiencies are Not Due to His Administration of the Committee but Insufficient Levies of Democrats.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.—There was something of a storm in the senate yesterday afternoon following the announcement of the committees. The senate committee are selected by a committee chosen for the purpose, and this committee has been at work ever since the legislature convened. The task was completed yesterday and the list was submitted to a caucus of Republican senators, held between the morning and afternoon sessions of the senate.

When the senate reassembled at 3 o'clock the list of committees was read. Senator David T. Littler had expected to be made chairman of the committee on revenue, but the honor had been conferred on Senator Dunlap. The wrath of Littler was aroused at once. For several years he has made a study of the subject of revenue. He was chairman of the revenue committee at the last session, and had his heart set on the position for the present session. So when he discovered yesterday that he had been deliberately turned down, he was enraged. He moved that his name be stricken from the committee altogether.

"I do not propose to play second fiddle to anybody," he thundered. "I was chairman of the revenue committee of the senate at the last session; I was chairman of the same committee of the house when a member of that body. The people of Illinois know that I have given this question the most thorough study and that I probably know as much about it as any other man in the state. Notwithstanding the services I have rendered, I come here only to be turned down. There is no evidence that the gentleman who succeeds me is qualified to fill this important position."

He paused for a moment, and then continued in tones that thundered through the corridors:

"The present depleted condition of the state treasury is due to the stubbornness and incompetency of the chairman of the appropriation committee of two years ago (Mr. Dunlap.) We have a bankrupt treasury, and we are asked by the governor for authority to borrow $250,000 to afford partial relief. I am authorized by the governor," he shouted in stentorian tones, "to charge this deficit to the chairman of the appropriation committee of the last senate. I refuse to serve on the revenue committee with him, and I want my name stricken from the list."

Senator Dunlap calmly protested that the charge was untrue.

"Isn't it true," shouted Senator Littler, "that you were urged to increase the tax levy, and that you opposed a larger levy than was finally made?"

Senator Dunlap contended that this was not true. He said further that Senator Littler had at the time approved the tax levy bill passed at the special session in 1895.

"We acted in good faith," said he, "and the responsibility for the shortage does not rest upon us, but upon the Democrats."

Senator Littler made another speech, repeating the statement that he was authorized by Governor Tanner to charge the insufficient tax levy mainly to Senator Dunlap. He concluded by moving that his own name be stricken from the revenue committee.

The motion was put by Lieutenant Governor Northcott and declared lost.

"I want to give notice to the senate," shouted Senator Littler, bringing his fist down upon his desk, "that I will not act. There are some things I can't be made to do, and this is one of them."

The report of the committee was adopted by acclamation, and the incident was thus closed.

Senator Dunlap's Reply.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.—Senator Dunlap arose today to a question of personal privilege and replied to the charges made yesterday by Littler, that he was responsible for the tax levy provided by the legislature two years ago and the shortage of state funds. Dunlap declared the responsibility for the present deficit rested on the Democratic general assembly of four years ago when it made appropriations aggregating over $7,000,000 and a tax levy for only $3,000,000. This he declared, not only depleted the balance left in the treasury by the Republican party when Altgeld became governor, but left a deficit of over a million and a half. The Republican general assembly two years ago made an appropriation of $8,000,000 and a tax levy of $6,000,000, which, with other sources of revenue will cover the entire appropriation.

IN THE SENATE.

Bills Introduced To-Day.

Bills were introduced in the senate today as follows: McKinley, enacting that judgments in the appellate court shall be final, not permitting appeals to the supreme court; Pomberton, for a new judicial apportionment making fifteen districts instead of thirteen; Granger, one making the number sixteen; Pemberton, for establishment of a banking department and to remove moneys to it from the auditor of public accounts.

Adjournment.

In the House.

In the house Solomans introduced a bill providing that where interest is charged on money loaned is greater than provided by law both interest and principal shall be forfeited. At present merely interest is forfeited. Adjourned.

Compton introduced a bill prohibiting the use of the gold clause in mortgages and leases, contracts, etc. Allowing them to stipulate only payment in lawful money of the United States. Violation renders such documents void.

CHASED TO HAVAN'S GATES.

Volunteers from the City Driven Back by Hernandez's Band.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 4.—One of Col. Hernandez's detached bands met 300 men of the Havana Volunteers Sunday, ten miles from Havana, and defeated them badly, the volunteers losing 50 of their men and many of their arms. The Spanish were sent after Hernandez's flying columns, and thought they had him cornered. Instead of that the Cuban forces were larger than they thought. They fired on the Cubans first seen and these retreated, the volunteers following in hot haste and in some disorder. Another band of Cubans, lying in ambush on the sides of the road, rose up as they passed along in pursuit and delivered a terrible fire. The Spaniards were thrown into confusion, and then the insurgents dashed forward with their bloodcurdling yell of "Cuba libre," and with uplifted machetes cut down all before them. The volunteers fled at once, and were pursued almost to the gates of Havana.

A part of the block house garrison there attempted to stem the torrent of Cubans, were glad to hurriedly retreat into their fort. The Cubans calmly encamped half a mile from the block house to show their disdain for it, and remained there several hours. Then hearing that a large detachment of cavalry had been sent forward they quickly retreated. The loss of the volunteers was over fifty men killed, wounded and missing, and half the men returned to Havana unarmed. The Spanish officials there have ordered all the officers of the corps to be tried and court martialed for cowardice.

Col. Crofton Retired.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Col. Robert E.A. Crofton, of the Fifteenth infantry, was arbitrarily retired today by order of the president. It has been the desire of the war department that he should leave the active service and for two years an effort has been made to bring this about without success. Finally recourse has been had to the law which permits the president to retire an officer arbitrarily when he reaches 62 years of age. Col. Crofton passed this point last month. This proceedure is very unusual. Crofton was in command while the Fifteenth was at Fort Sheridan near Chicago, and was held responsible for several incidents in the history of the regiment during its occupation of the post, that furnished matter for the courts and gossip. The Fifteenth infantry is now stationed at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

Was an Acquaintance of Lincoln.

Clinton, Ill., Feb. 4.—Philip Clark, who is lying very low with cancer at his home in Clinton, is one of the oldest settlers of Sangamon county, and was well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln from the time he first came to New Salem. It is probable there is no other man living today who knew as much of the early life of Lincoln. Mr. Clark is over 80 years of age. He can, at best, live but few days.

J. Addison Porter Private Secretary.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Connecticut delegation in congress this morning received a telegram from J. Addison Porter of Hartford, Conn., dated at Canton, saying he had been offered, and had accepted the position of private secretary to McKinley.

Taken to Charleston.

The remains of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. F Cooper were taken this morning to Charleston, Ill., for burial.

The members of the reception committee of the Y. M. C. A. are requested to meet at the rooms Friday night at 7:30. Important business to be transacted.

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IF WE BELIEVED.

If really we believed, sweet friend,
What we aver our steadfast faith,
The path beginning at the end
Of this earth's life, which we call death,
Led the free spirit to a land of peace,
To gardens of the blest where pain should cease;

When with some loved one to the brink
Of the strange stream whose turbid wave,
However we may start and shrink
At the mere thought, sometime will lave
Our passing feet, we go and helplessly
Stand in dumb anguish waiting but to see

The cold mists of the river rise
Above him, slipping from our hold,
And shut him from our longing eyes.
And we turn back, with hearts that fold
Each agony of emptiness, such pain,
Earth ne'er can be the earth it was again;

If we believed, sweet friend, I say,
That on the river's farther side
Had dawned for him a painless day
And gates of bliss had opened wide,
Should we come back and clothe ourselves in woe,
And sit in helpless impotence as though

The sunshine of the love that crossed,
And seemed to fill the firmament
Of our else dreary life, were lost
In darkness like a taper spent,
No more again to beam with purer ray,
Untouched by time, unshadowed by decay?

And in our grief should we refuse
To think of him as only gone—
Not dead, but gone where we should lose
His face a season, that upon
Some future day, awakening, we might see
His smile enwreathed in immortality?

And should we wear the garb of woe,
And fret with ceaseless tears our eyes,
And bar our souls in grief as though
There were no pity in the skies,
No sun of hope which beams for souls bereaved,
If we believed, if really we believed?

—Elizabeth F. Merrill, in Chicago Advance.

THROUGH A MOUNTAIN.

BY CHARLES KELSEY GAINS.

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All day long the fellow had been hanging around the little depot at Furnisville, slouching in and out and peering up and down, to the annoyance of the railroad men. Train after train had passed; he gave each an uneasy stare, and turned away. "Where's my special," they heard him mutter.

He didn't look like a passenger, anyhow. He was seedy to the last degree and had no baggage, not so much as a parcel. Rough men, roughly-dressed, were common enough in that region; but this poor wretch was so miserably clad that the station agent concluded that he was simply making a bluff in order to keep warm by the red-hot stove in the waiting-room. They all finally set him down as a tramp, but it was a crisp winter evening, and they couldn't quite make up their minds to order him off. So they watched him, undovingly, as he shifted restlessly about and prowled and intruded. "Reckon he's tryin' ter sneak a ride on a freight," suggested the baggageman.

At last the poor creature approached the ticket window.

"My special—" he began, nervously.

"What's that? Aw! Get out. What are you talking about?"

His cadaverous, shrunken face twitched with excitement. "You lie," he cried with sudden violence. "I've been called and I must go. There's a special engine chartered for me. It's overdue."

The ticket agent broke into a laugh—the loud, coarse laugh of a rustic. It resounded through the little empty station, and attracted the attention of the baggage master and two or three truckmen who were standing outside, waiting for the south-bound freight. It struck them all as a huge joke, nothing more; and they gathered in a circle about the poor demented creature, guying him ruthlessly. The rural temperament is sympathetic only in certain cases, and this did not appeal to them. They regarded it merely as a sort of free circus, with the madman for a clown. Their victim was soon hounded to absolute frenzy, and raved incoherently.

"Beelzebub has called me," he yelled. "You are all liars. He has sent me a special engine, and I must go to-night."

He fairly foamed at the mouth; his features writhed like a nest of serpents. At length he became so outrageous that they thrust him out. They must maintain the peace and suppress disorderly proceedings; it never occurred to them that there was anything else to do.

So they flung him out on the snow, under the frosty starlight. "Hustle yer," called the agent after him. "You've no business here. Clear out, or we'll run you in." He swung his lantern for emphasis.

Exhausted by fruitless struggles, the unhappy man succumbed; the threat of confinement seemed to quell him though he was still defiant.

"Beelzebub will keep his word," he panted, hoarsely. "He always does. You are liars—liars."

He picked himself up, shaking in every limb. He stopped as if the ground were unsteady under his feet, and swung giddily as he disappeared in the gloom among the sheds.

"Drunk or crazy, I dunno which," commented the baggageman. "Both, maybe."

"Better keep an eye on him, Webb," replied the agent. "He's pretty bad and may hurt somebody if he has another fit."

But just then the 9:30 freight rolled in, and Webb was busy for a time with the switches. The engineer and fireman left the train on the siding to wait for the north-bound express, and entered the depot. They listened with amusement to the jokes about the mad crank, until mention was made of the "special." Then a shade of apprehension passed over the engine driver's averged face.

"Reckon I better have a look at de No. 33," he exclaimed. "Won't do to make no chances with these funny fellers."

He moved toward the door. At that moment the prolonged shriek of a locomotive jarred and shuddered on the night air. He sprang out on the track with a wild yell. The cars were still motionless on the siding, looming in a dusky row broken by dark gaps of shadow; but with a heart-shaking rumble, a fierce hissing of steam and a rain of sparks, the heavy engine lurched out on the main line and plunged like a huge black demon down the grade.

The engineer stood between the rails with a face of clay. The fireman started to run, but stopped short. The agent sprang to the telegraph. The rest stood limp and helpless.

We had just passed Red Rock station. Everybody in the car was sleepy; most of us were through passengers, and we had been traveling for many hours. I had roused a little when a very pretty girl—I noticed that her hair and eyes were jet black—came on board at New Memphis and asked if the place beside me were engaged; but I soon relapsed into drowsiness. Neither made any attempt at conversation.

We were sitting near the front of the car. Fastened upon the end wall, directly before me, was a framed placard, posted there by the railroad company, reading as follows:

Notice—In Case of Accident Pull the Handle of this Valve up as far as it will go, after the Train comes to a Stop, Pull it Back to its Former Position.

This Valve must Never be Interfered with except in Cases of Danger, and any Person Meddling with it except in accordance with the above Instructions is Liable for Misdemeanor

ISIDORE PAYNE,
General Superintendent.

Close by was a metal lever of peculiar shape, connected, doubtless, with a system of air brakes.

This placard somehow arrested my attention. I read it again and again, idly, without much heed to the meaning. I even caught myself reciting it aloud in a low sing-song tone. As I dozed it sometimes seemed to leave its position and hover in the air near my face. It was positively annoying. I shut my eyes to get rid of it, but saw it just as plainly; the thing seemed to be photographed on my retinae.

I was still in this unpleasant, dreamy condition when I felt a light touch on my arm. It thrilled me like an electric shock. I sprang to my feet, and without knowing why, without any clear idea whatever, rushed forward and shoved up that lever. Then I stood appalled at my own act.

The train came to a sudden stop with a grinding jar. The startled passengers leaped from their seats. A brakeman caught me by the collar, while the angry conductor pushed through the aisle toward me.

"What's the meaning of this?" he shouted;

I stood dazed; I had not a word to say.

"Are you an idiot?" he continued, roughly. "What do you mean? Don't you know that it's a criminal offense to stop a train in that way, you young jack-a-napes?"

Still I was dumb. I felt like a drunken man who unexpectedly finds himself in the grip of justice, charged with motiveless murder, remembering the act but wholly unable to comprehend it. Then something happened; again I felt that light touch on my shoulder.

Did you ever, when speeding through a mountainous country, with a rocky ledge on your right and a broad landscape lighted by the sinking sun lying to the left, suddenly—by a curious trick of reflection from the windows of the car—see the rocks apparently open before you in magic caverns reaching far under the earth—dreamlike caverns of vast extent, showing dark forests and distant hills, with the red sunset like a bonfire flaming in its farthest recesses? If you have seen this—what I now saw was something similar, but more marvelous, and no possible combination of reflections could explain it.

As that soft touch thrilled me, the front of the car, the car before it, the whole train, seemed to melt into mist; I saw them in the shadowy outline, but they did not impede my view. Beyond, stretching on through the starlit snowfields, lay the dark line of the track, which, at the distance of about two miles, swung out of sight behind a rocky hill. Out of sight—but not out of my sight; for as I gazed the hill also seemed to resolve itself into haze, and I looked right through it. And there, swiftly rounding the curve—"An engine is coming!" I shouted. "It is running wild. In half a minute it will be in sight."

"You're drunk," cried the brakeman, "or crazy;" and he shook me. The girl's hand slid from my shoulder; the vision vanished.

But she caught the conductor's arm. "The man is right," she cried. "Don't you see? Don't you see? Be quick!"

The conductor stared as if stung and his face whitened.

"My God!" he ejaculted. In another instant he was standing in the snow by the track, straining his eyes up the line, and we were beside him.

The once transparent hill was opaque enough now, thrusting up its black rose against the sky. But a faint vibration was whispered along the rails, a jet of steam shot up from behind a blot of forest, and the mishandled whistle rang out with a maniac screech. One moment more, and the headlight flashed into view; already it was turned straight toward us, the long pencil of light which it sent down the track wavering with the wild motion of the pounding engine.

There was not an instant to waste. But what could be done? Three crowded sleepers were attached to the train; some of the passengers were already peering out with inquiring faces, and there was commotion within; but to warn all and get them out in time was simply impossible.

The conductor ran toward the engine.

"Unshackle her, Hank!" he shouted. "Pull your throttle full open, Dave, and let her drive."

Almost as he spoke the big locomotive gave a titanic gasp and heave of sudden effort; her mighty drivers spun and slipped, then caught the rails, and she started with a bound like a race horse pricked by the spur.

"Now jump—for yer life, Dave—quick."

Dave swung himself off without haste; a moment later he came toward us, shaking the loose snow out of his clothing.

"It's ole Thirty-three, an' she's a-comin'," he remarked. "Ninety-nine 'll do the trick right-enough, but it's her last run." He gazed sorrowfully down the track, as if after a departing friend. "She'll be makin' nigh 60 an hour afore they git together," he added, reflectively. "She's about a minute an' a half left, an' she's a thoroughbred."

The passengers were now streaming out of the cars and thronging around us. We ran a little way out into the field for a clearer view. The approaching engine was now plainly visible, lighted by a trailing pennant of fire as it thundered on to meet its foe, lurching and plunging in its headlong charge until it almost leaped from the rails.

"Merciful heavens!" cried the girl beside me. "There's a man in the cab."

"Then he's a gone goose, lady," commented the engineer.

It was even so. The doomed wretch leaned far out of the cab, waving his arms in frenzy, uttering a shriek of exultation so keen and vibrant that it cleft its way to our ears through all the distance and the uproar that lay between.

"Stark mad," growled Dave, "and the best machine on the line gone to eternal smash to head him off. She won't be worth her weight in scrap iron."

And while he spoke the contending engines, now speeding to the onset like black-armored knights, hurled together with all the terrific momentum of their tons of rushing steel. There was a thunderous crash as of a wild slant avalanche, a hoarse roar of escaping steam—and in an instant a billowy cloud that rose and spread until it seemed a mountain of gray vapor enveloped all.

"She's done for," murmured the engineer.

"And the man?" cried the girl.

The madman had kept his appointment.

And the girl—the black-eyed, raven-haired girl who exerted so strange an influence over me on that memorable night? What became of her?

My wife bends over me, and again I feel that thrilling touch upon my shoulder. "I don't seem to exert any influence at all over you now," she protests. "You haven't so much as spoken to me for a whole hour."

ONE MOMENT MORE AND THE HEADLIGHT FLASHED INTO VIEW

Bass Viol Puzzled Him.

The company of one of the opera houses, at the close of the London season, had arrived at Liverpool to embark for a continental tour. The musical instruments were being shipped with the rest, and among them was the double bass, or "big fiddle," as it is also called, not cased as usual, for this member of the string family will stand a little rough treatment. It soon attracted the attention of the Jack Tars, three or four of whom settled round, scrutinizing it with keen interest. By an order of an officer they soon dispersed, but not long afterward another bluff seaman was discovered secretly watching it with wondering eyes. He was asked his reason for standing thus idle. "Well, yer know," said Jack, "I'm just waiting for to see the length of the bloke's arm that can play that there fiddle."—Musical Anecdotes.

—John Middleton, an English giant, born in 1578, was nine feet three inches in height. His palm was 8½ inches broad and from the carpus to the end of his middle finger was 17 inches.

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Children's Extra Heavy Fleeced Hose	10c
Ladies' Double Sole and Toe Seamless Hose	9c
Ladies' All Wool Ribbed Hose for	15c
Extra Cashmere Wool Hose, worth 35c for	25c
Imported Cashmere Hose, worth 50c for	31c

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Children's Merino vests and pants; ea	5c
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Boys' Heavy Underwear	25c
Men's Gray Shirts	15c
Ladies' Rib Vests and Pants at	18c
Union Suits	35c
Misses' Ribbed Vests	15c

7 dozen Clothes Pins	5c
3-Hoop Pails	10c
1-lb. Butter Moulds	10c
5-Hole Choker Mouse Traps	4c
Sun Rat Traps	8c
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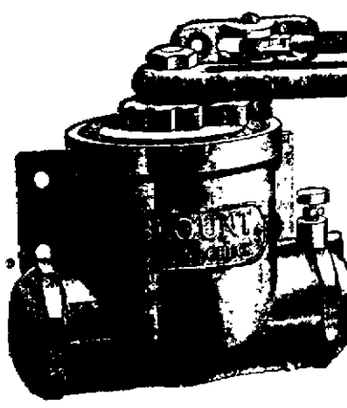

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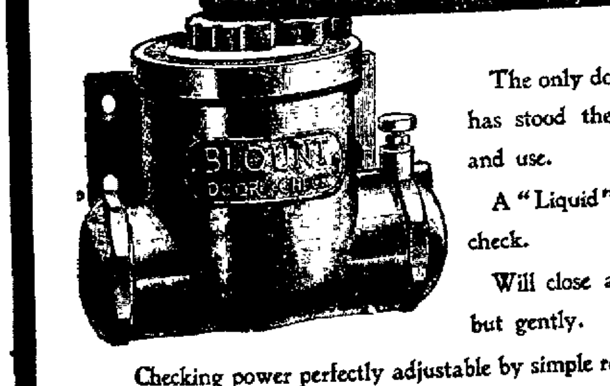

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The offices of the Municipal Electric Light company will soon be located in Powers' new block.

There are now 56 paupers at the poor farm. Mary Frankhouse has quit the farm to enter the employ of a Decatur dairyman.

We have received the January number of the Young Lutheran, a church paper, edited by Rev. F. C. Oberly of the English Lutheran church.

The crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dempsey was joyously celebrated Monday night at their home on West Macon street. The couple were married in Decatur in 1882.

People know a good thing; it is worth your while to go to the new photograph gallery in the Millikin building where they make photographs at 50c a dozen and see the crowd.—2-tf

The types made a queer break in the Republican last evening in referring to Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia, a cousin of Engineer John T. Barnett of this city. The statement should have read that the judge was a son of a sister of Mr. Barnett's mother.

R. L. Addington, brother of Mrs. John Huff of Decatur, was killed Wednesday in a railway wreck at Arlington, S. D. Three other men were killed in the collision. Addington twelve years ago was a conductor on the old Illinois Midland road now part of the Vandalia system.

Eric Hay, who has been in the employ of Bommersbach, the florist, left today for New York, on his way to his old home in Denmark. This will be the seventeenth trip across the ocean for Mr. Hay. He may return in a few months to again enter the employ of the florist.

There will be a short session, regular meeting of Easterly Camp, 1626, Modern Woodman at the I. O. O. F. hall at the southwest corner of North Main and William streets next Friday night, Feb. 5, at 7 o'clock. Meeting will have to adjourn about 7:30. Business of importance. By order of trustees.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

The National Association of Local Fire Insurance agents will hold their meeting in St Louis May 11, 1897. It is stated there are 65,000 local fire insurance agents in the United States and Canada. Almost every town of importance has from one to one hundred. This is not a delegated meeting, every local fire agent in this country and Canada having been invited to attend and bring their families, as there are social as well as business features connected with the organization. The Wabash line will in the near future announce a low rate for this meeting. This will be open not only to the insurance agents but also the traveling public. —3d-2t

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FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Full Text of the Bill Now Up for Consideration in the General Assembly.

Eds. Rebuplican: The following bill has been prepared by the committee of fifty-one appointed by the state teachers' association at its late meeting to secure legislation on the subject of free text books:

An act to permit the furnishing free text books and free school supplies for the use of pupils in the public schools of Illinois:

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois represented in the general assembly.

Section 1. That the school directors of any district, and the board of education of any city or village in the state of Illinois are hereby authorized and empowered to select, adopt and contract for the text books and other school supplies needed for the use of pupils in the school or schools under their charge and control, and shall have the power to purchase the text books and and shcool supplies so selected, adopted and contracted for and to loan the said text books and furnish the said school supplies free of charge to the pupils in attendance at such school or schools, subject to such rules and regulations as to the care and custody of said text books and school supplies as the said school directors or board of education may prescribe.

Secion 2. The school directors of any district and the board of education of any city or village in this state shall have the power to pay for text books and school supplies, purchased under the provisions of section one of this act, for the use of pupils in the school or schools under its charge or control, out of any funds at its disposal for general educational purposes.

Section 3. In case there are insufficient funds at the disposal of said school directors or board of education to enable it to furnish to said pupils text books and school supplies, as provided in section one of this act, then in such case, said school directors and the authorities of any city or village in this state are hereby authorized to levy such tax annually upon all the taxable property of the district, village or city, in addition, if necessary, to that otherwise authorized by law, as shall be necessary to enable said school directors or board of education to furnish text books and school supplies to said pupils, as provided in section one of this act.

Section 4. All text books and school supplies loaned and furnished to pupils of the public schools of this state, in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be and remain the property of the school directors or the board of education furnishing the same and such pupils as are already wholly or in part supplied with the necessary text books and school supplies, shall be supplied free of charge only as other or additional books and supplies are needed.

Section 5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as compelling pupils in the public schools of this state to use the text books and school supplies furnished by the school authorities as hereinbefore provided, and parents and guardians at all times shall have the right to furnish their children or wards with the text books and school supplies needed for use in said public schools.

I represent this senatorial district on that committee and it will afford me great pleasure to know the opinion of our citizens on these questions: Are you in favor of free text books in our schools? Does this bill meet your approval? If not, please to suggest improvements.

E. A. Gastman.

IN A POLITICAL WAY.

How a Young Man Was Elected in a Matrimonial Affair.

By request the Republican publishes the following that anxious ones may secure a copy for preservation. It is regarded as a good thing:

"An enamored young man living near here (says the Lone Tree Register) addressed a marriage proposal to the subject of his adoration, as follows, subject to be answered on Nov. 5:

"My dear Miss ——: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for your hand and shall use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination. I know that there are many candidates in the field, and I hesitated long before entering the race, but I am in to stay. My views on matrimony have often been expressed in your hearing, and I need not repeat them here. You know I favor the free coinage of love—a 16 to 1 love—and a maintenance of free silver after marriage. If you decide to confer upon me the honor I seek, please fix date for a caucus with your mother. I have no objections to her acting as temporary chairman of the permanent organization. If the result of this caucus should prove satisfactory, we can soon hold the primary and select a date for the convention. I have never believed in long campaigns, so if you decide to honor me, I will ask you to make the convention date as early as possible.

Devotedly yours, ——."

He received the following brief reply:

"Caucus unnecessary. Report on permanent organization satisfactory; nomination unanimous; come at once and fix date of ratification.

Yours for success, ——."

Jim Mason, of Lake Fork, started a red fox on the farm of Mrs. Peter Fenton, five miles west of Mt. Pulaski. After running the animal for full three hours, and when the hounds almost secured the prey, some unknown party shot and killed the leading hound, which ended the sport. Mr. Mason is badly putout over his loss. He has been offered $150 for a pair of his best dogs, and thinks he would not have taken $500.

THE COUNTY JAIL.

Report of the Grand Jury to Judge Vail—Recommendations.

The grand jury for the January term of court after being in session over three weeks, was discharged yesterday afternoon by Judge Vail, the jury having made its last presentment of bills, and stating that it had no other business to consider. The jury brought in a total of thirty-nine bills—handing in twenty-three last evening.

Jail Condition.

The grand jurymen as required by law visited the county jail, and through the foreman, presented their report to the court. It is as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Macon county:

We, the members of the grand jury for the January term of 1897, having carefully examined the conditions of the Macon county jail, hereby compliment Sheriff Nicholson on the cleanliness of the place. Judging from the appearances and from our observation we believe that the condition of the place is as good as can possibly be had under the preavailing circumstances, but we do hereby recommend to your honorable body an improvement in the better ventilation of the place and also for a better system of sewerage for the benefit of the health of those incarcerated therein, and also those whose duty it is to frequent the place.

Trusting that your honorable body will in due season recommend such necessary improvements as pertain to the betterment of the sanitary condition of the said Macon county jail, we respectively submit this report. George W. Kraft.

The report was ordered to be presented to the board of superivsors at the next meeting.

A GOOD PLACE FOR THE Y. M. C. A

The Rooms Where the Public Library is Now Located Is Suggested as a Suitable Place for the Association.

It has been suggested by a person who is interested in the Y. M. C. A. of this city that if the public library is moved from its present quarters that the rooms made vacant be taken by the association. The library rooms would make splendid quarters for the Y. M. C. A. The main room could be used for a gymnasium and the other rooms with some alterations would be suitable for reading rooms, offices, etc. It will be a number of years before the Y. M. C. A. will be able to erect a building of their own and they should have larger and more convenient quarters. Next spring the state convention is to be held in this city and by that time the association could be in new quarters. There of course would be some expense in making the change and it would cost more to keep up larger quarters but if the business men of the city were made to understand the importance of the Y. M. C. A. to the welfare of the young men, some would doubtless take hold of it and help the movement. In all other cities of this size the Y. M. C. A. is better quartered than it is in Decatur and the local association ought to have better rooms. The second floor of the library block would make handsome quarters and with such a home properly fitted up the association could not help but grow.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

Senator Kanan Chairman of the Banks and Banking Committee.

In the caucus of Republican senators yesterday assignments were made and formally announced in the state senate last evening at five o'clock. Senator Kanan was given many places of honor and responsibility. He was made chairman of the committee on banks and banking, one of the principal committees. The senator's assignments were as follows:

Banks and Banking—Kanan, chairman; Fitzpatrick, Chapman, Harding, Fisher, Case, Bogardus, Dwyer, Hamilton, Morrison, Sullivan (Republicans); Hull, Leeper, Wells, (Democrats.)

The senator is also placed on the following committees: Railroads, revenue, appropriations, municipalities, penal and reformatory institutions, printing, state library, arts and sciences and senatorial apportionment.

Lutheran Church Anniversary.

The Young People's society of the First English Lutheran church will celebrate the third anniversary of the society Sunday night at the church with special services. There will be special music and an address by Attorney J. B. Oakleaf of Moline, state president of the Lutheran league. His subject will be "Our Heritage."

Aprons! Aprons!

The Sunday School Support society and the Sunday school teachers of St. John's Episcopal church will have an apron sale Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 at the rectory, 503 West Prairie avenue. Everybody is invited to attend.—3-d3t

Home Again.

James Alsup arrived at noon Tuesday from St. Louis, having been discharged from the Rebekah hospital last Sunday. Mr. Alsup is a little weak yet, but he can walk around easily and says he is about as well as ever.

Death of a Child.

Vivian Vane Cooper, the 20-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cooper, died Feb. 3 at the family residence on Maffit street. The remains were taken to Charleston, Ill., today for burial.

R. G. Wells No Better.

R. G. Wells, of this city, who has been ill at a hospital in Chicago for the past two months, is reported to be growing worse. His condition is very serious.

At The Grand.

O'Neill In Monte Cristo.

It is doubtful if there is another actor in the country who could have held "Monte Cristo" so long before the people of this country as Mr. O'Neill, and won their affection in the part and left an everlasting impression in the minds of the public. But it is an historical fact in the theatrical annals of America that this distinguished romantic actor has played the part of Edmond Dantes over 3000 times in the course of ten years without missing a single performance. This is a record only surpassed by Mr. Joseph Jefferson's twenty-five years' connection with "Rip Van Winkle." Mr. O'Neill's versatile talent found an unexcelled field in the complex character of Dumas' weird creation, and whether as a dashing sailor lad, the emaciated convict, the impressive priest or the stately Count of Monte Cristo, his performance has always met with the approval that is only lavished on the real genuises of the stage. He has surrounded himself with a company that has been pronounced by critics to be the best he ever had and the scenery is said to be appropriate and handsome. At the Grand Saturday, Feb. 6.

Richards and Canfield.

Mr. Hoyt was particularly fortunate in securing as principals in "A Temperance Town" such clever and amusing actors as George Richards and Eugene Canfield. They were both artistic and finished to a degree, and repeated the successes they achieved a few years ago in "A Midnight Bell."—N. Y. Daily America.

This company will appear at the Grand next Monday night.

SOMETHING ABOUT MR. WORRELL

An Interesting Personality.

The gentleman who lectures before housekeepers in the opera house tomorrow afternoon, is 38 years old; is married and resides with his family in Dorchester, a delightful suburban district of Boston. On the temperance and other vital questions he takes a strong, influential position on the right side. He is a member of the Congregational Club, Boston, one of the strongest and most conservative social-religious organizations in New England. Mr Worrell is the only person who has made food discussion a large success. He has won an established reputation in New England, where he has lectured seven consecutive seasons. Tickets for the lecture in this city may now be procured at the opera house drug store, free, by housekeepers only

Had a Narrow Escape.

V. Hudson, a young man who is a salesman for a nursery and who lives at No. 1471 North Morgan street, had a narrow escape from being killed this morning. He had been in the northeast part of the city on business and was returning home. He crossed the railroad tracks and did not know that a train was approaching. He was struck by the locomotive and thrown some distance. He was unconscious for a while and then got up and walked to a restaurant on Jasper street where Dr. Parish was called to dress his wounds. He had a cut over his eye, a cut on his head and was badly bruised on the body.

Sales of Real Estate.

E. W. Moore to B. B. Tuttle, lot 26, block 2 of Solona Place, $1200.

Huldah Van Cleve to P. L. Van Cleve, lot 10 in block 21 of Blue Mound, $700.

Thomas Costello, administrator, to Peter Costello, 60 acres in 34,, 17, 3 east; $2700.

James M. Miller to W. S. Glissman, lot 6 in block 5 of Enterprise addition, $800.

"Ladies' Nights" at Decatur Club.

At a meeting of the directory of the Decatur club last night it was decided to make the third Thursday night in each month "ladies' nights." The first reception will be given on Thursday night, Feb. 18, and they will continue during the administration of the present directory. Six new members of the club were taken in last night by the directory.

On Tuesday the elevator and cribs at Flanagan became blocked with corn and fifteen wagon loads stood on the streets all night. Twenty-one cars left there on Saturday and sixty-five were shipped during the week.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Snow tonight and Friday, probably heavy; colder south tonight; increasing easterly winds.

Beat the arbitration bill. It is a fraud a gold brick as it were, worked off on Cleveland and Olney.

Secretary Olney says he believes Spain desires to do what she thinks is right. The same might be said for the Sioux Indians but there are a great many people who do not concur with Sioux view of what is right.

Bryan is opposed to government by injunction in the campaign but when he writes a book about the campaign and another steals its title he calls it an infringement and applies for an injunction to restrain the other fellow.

The Nevada legislature proposes to limit the price of admission to the prize fight to $100. At that rate if the entire population of the state attended the show and paid their admission it would not be sufficient to pay expenses.

Revell, whose name rhymes with bell, wants to suppress the newspaper, while Greenacre, whose name rhymes with newspaper, wants to suppress the church bell. There seems to be lacking some reason why this is thus.

What Peffer and Dubois will do now can only be a matter of conjecture, but they might go into business as claim agents making a specialty of the claims of non-combatants whose property was destroyed in Bryan's "First Battle."

There seems to be a misunderstanding between McKinley and Judge McKenna. McKinley is reported as saying he has selected McKenna for secretary of the interior while McKenna says he has not been offered nor has he accepted the position.

The Populist senator, Allen, of Nebraska, says he will not vote for the Republican tariff, but then no one ever suspected he would vote that way. He would rather vote to make work plenty in Europe and scarce in America and then howl about the lack of work here being due to discriminations against silver.

The claim of the ex-confederates amounting to $200,000 for horses of which they claim to have been despoiled after General Grant had given them permission to take them home is an exaggeration. All the horses in the confederate army at the time of the surrender were not worth $200,000 in confederate money.

Alderman Greenacre, of Chicago, who wants to stop the ringing of all church bells over six inches in diameter should be reminded that the only advantage society could gain from such an ordinance would be that when Chicago's Greenacre is on his way to God's acre the tolling of a six-inch bell would about fit the case.

Chcago Tribune: A dispatch from Washington states that Attorney-General Harmon has given instructions to the United States attorney at Jacksonville, Fla., to proceed at once against the alleged filibustering vessel, the Three Friends, for engaging in an act of piracy. It is evident that Mr. Cleveland in the White House and Mrs. Olney in the state department have a worthy and enthusiastic co-adjutor in the incumbent of the attorney general's office. Fortunately Cleveland, Olney, and Harmon have but a few weeks more to do Spain's dirty work and to make it possible for Weyler to continue his butcheries of pacificos, his burning of hospitals, his slaughter of patients, and his insults and outrages upon defenseless women and children. The Three Friends has evidently fallen into the hands of the three American enemies of Cuban liberty.

Let the Church Bells Ring.

Chicago Times-Herald: If the church bell ordinance introduced by Alderman Greenacre were the opening gun in a campaign against the noises of a big city the public might condone the very obvious affront to religious sentiment. But the ordinance does not contemplate a crusade of that kind. If it did it would have begun a war on the noises that are more continuous, more frequent and more exasperating.

The ordinance against church bells cannot be justified by considerations of public health or public comfort so long as the morning air is filled with the rasping, nerve-destroying screeches of the street fakers, the clanging of the street car gongs, the noise of the early milk wagons on the stony streets and the harrowing, doleful discords of the hurdy-gurdy.

Alderman Greenacre should "think when bells do chime, 'Tis angel's music." But it is natural that the aldermanic tympanum should be sensitive to the tintinnabulations of the church bells. There is something in the solemn intonations of the clanging bells that sends terror to the aldermanic soul. The sweet chimes of silver-voiced singers in the church tower have a disquieting effect upon the aldermanic nerve. Any sounds, however sweet, that convey an admonition to the wayward aldermanic mind or suggest some reflections upon the future life are a fretful discord in the ears of the municipal lawmaker.

But the people are with the bells. Their soothful cadences that fall upon the crisp morning air are, alas, the only reminders to thousands of the denizens of the big cities of the peaceful quietude of boyhood days in happy village homes where were laid the foundations for all the manly virtues that have contributed to moral strength and noble purpose.

How many a tale their music tells
Of youth and home, and that sweet time
When last I heard their soothing chime!

We need more music of the bells to allure humanity away from the noises of groveling strife and the discords of a city's degradation. Let the bells ring.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells across the snow!
Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousands years of peace!

HUMAN ODDITIES.

Didymus, the Alexandrian, was born blind, but, notwithstanding this defect, attained such great skill in mathematics, geometry and logic that he was reckoned one of the wonders of his age

Daniel Lambert, the famous fat man and the most noted example of obesity recorded in medical annals, was born in 1770 and died at the age of 40, of excessive fat. His weight was 739 pounds.

Sir Joshua Reynolds needed but one sitting when intending to paint a portrait. Sometimes he would not take even that, but would casually glance at the sitter and proceed to paint the portrait.

Galbara, an Arabian giant who was brought to Rome by Emperor Claudius to serve in the imperial body guard, was nine feet nine inches high. Pliny says that he was the tallest man ever seen in Rome.

De Piles mentions a blind sculptor who, guided by the sense of touch alone, made a marble statue of Charles I. of England. It is singular, however, that this sculptor is not mentioned, so far as known, by any other writer, and the story may be apocryphal.

Nicholas Saunderson, the blind professor at Cambridge, was almost preternaturally gifted in the sense of touch. By this faculty alone he could distinguish counterfeit from genuine metals and money, and could tell, by the grain, of what wood a table was made.

James Thornburg, mentioned in the English scientific publications early in this century, was one of a family of seven children, each of whom had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. It is stated that his mother and grandmother were similarly endowed.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Prof. Henry Drummond is still lying prostrate in the south of England, wholly confined to his bed and unable to write, though his physicians are very hopeful.

The religious societies of Columbus, O., irrespective of denominational lines, have effected a preliminary organization whose ultimate object is the abolishment of Sunday funerals.

Canon Fleming, of St. Michael's church, London, has had a large telephone transmitter placed in his pulpit, so that his sermons may be heard in a number of hospitals and other institutions.

Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, whose many books on devotional themes have made him known to the Christian public of America, has arranged to hold a series of services in New York city during the month of February.

All the Christian churches in Japan together have 111,568 members. There are in the country 858 missionaries, 331 native ministers and 981 catechists. Of the church members the Roman Catholics have 50,302 including all baptized children, the Greek church has 22,576, the Protestant churches have 38,710.

A rumor has been started again that the holy synod of the Russian church has decided to proceed against Count Tolstoi as a heretic, and will not only excommunicate him, but will destroy his books and penalize their further distribution. This, however, is a mistake. The action of the church relates to Nicholas Tolstoi, the count's brother.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Some people are born confessors, to whom others turn instinctively in their need.—F. F. Montressor.

Men are born to be serviceable to one another; therefore either reform the world or bear with it.—Marcus Aurelius.

When you find yourself overpowered, as it were, by melancholy, the best way is to go out and do something kind to somebody.—Keble.

The cure of heartache is to be found in occupations which take us away from our petty self-regardings, our self-pityings, our morbid broodings, and which connect our lives with other lives and with other affairs, or merge our individual interest in the larger whole.—C. G. Ames.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald:" Richard Vensel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

SENATOR PERKINS.

Elected by the California Legislature to Be His Own Successor.

George Clements Perkins was first sent to the senate as an appointed officer in 1893 by Gov. Markham, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Leland Stanford. When the legislature met in January, 1895, he was chosen by its members to serve out the term, in spite of the fiercest efforts to defeat him. His election was viewed as a distinct victory of the people over the machine politics, and it was then believed that he would be returned in 1897—a forecast that has just been verified.

Mr. Perkins is one of the clean politicians of the coast. He is a product of the great golden state, although he may not boast of being a "native son." Maine gave him birth 58 years ago, and the wide ocean furnished a path-

SENATOR GEORGE C. PERKINS

way to the gold diggings of California Landing on the shores of California a penniless lad of 17, in five years he had become one of the leading merchants of the state. At 30 he was a state senator, and at 40 was governor of California.

In his life story is wrapped one of the romances not uncommon in the successful men of the state. At ten years of age he stowed hemself away in a sailing vessel outbound from a Maine port, and became a sailor. At 17 he went to California to look for gold, failed as a miner and then turned his attention to trade. In a few years he had built up a prosperous business and founded the greatest coast line of steamers that ply between Sitka and extreme southern parts on the American coasts. He built steam whalers and piled up wealth in a dozen different ways.

He was a popular governor, and when he determined to run for the senate he made his campaign before the people, and corrupt legislators did not dare defeat him.

Senator Perkins lives in the charming little city of Oakland, just across the bay from San Francisco, and is prominent there in social and church circles. He is a republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

RESTORED TO YOUTH.

Aged Illinois Man Who Is Growing Younger Every Day.

John Adams, who lives at Tuckerfi a little village in Kankakee county, Ill. is growing younger every day. He is now 85 years of age, and until very recently he was more feeble than most men of his time of life. But during the past few months a remarkable change has taken place. While before he was nearly blind, he now has recovered the entire use of his eyes, and is able to read the smallest print with great ease. His teeth had all gone, but recently he has cut an entirely new set and has suffered as much in the process as has any baby while teething. He was nearly bald, with a small fringe of white hair around his head, but recently his hair has grown again. It is of a dark brown color, and seems to be growing very rapidly. The effect of the changes is to make him appear to be not more than 35 years of age.

His face is yet unchanged, but Mr Adams believes that in course of time

JOHN ADAMS.

it will also be rejuvenated. As it is, his wrinkled skin and his snow-white beard form a remarkable contrast to the rest of his head.

Another strange feature of the case is that Mr. Adams is becoming stronger. While he was, until recently, even more feeble than most men of his years, he has become quite strong and can lift a cow with ease, and is one of the most athletic men in his neighborhood.

Physicians are at a loss to account for the remarkable transformation. Mr. Adams himself cannot give any reason for it. He has been following the same routine of life for years, arising at 5:30 o'clock every morning and breakfasting at six. Mr. Adams does not use tea, coffee or any stimulant and does not smoke tobacco. He is five feet nine inches in height and weighs 190 pounds. Before he began to grow younger in appearance he weighed 112 pounds.

It Would Not Dissolve.

While escorting a lady home the other evening, a popular doctor attempted to relieve her cough and sore throat by giving her a lozenge. He told her to allow it to dissolve gradually in her mouth. No relief was experienced; and the doctor felt quite chagrined the next day when the lady sent him a coat button, with a note saying that he must have given her the wrong kind of lozenge, and that he might need this one.

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The rat had the misfortune to be born in a machine shop, where only metal was used, and there was, consequently, little good food for his kind. He was brought up in penury by his parents, and after he was old enough to look out for himself, gained a precari-

USED ITS TAIL FOR A SPOON.

ous livelihood by looking for scraps of food accidentally left around.

It happened that the men always kept a bottle of oil uncorked, and fastened by a wire to a certain part of the machinery. It was in constant use. One evening the thoughtful rat betook himself to a study of this bottle. It lay open temptingly before him. Its contents would make him fat and shiny, and a social leader among his companions.

Could he not get at the oil? He scratched his head and thought harder. Then his thinking gave a brilliant result. He had a tail—what use was he making of it? This tail was an opportunity, and he had been wasting it, but now he could use it.

Immediately he inserted the long tail as far as it would go into the narrow neck of the bottle and soaked it thoroughly in oil. Then he withdrew it and licked the oil carefully from off it. After that he repeated the same process as often as he felt hungry. A little judiciously selected wood provided the necessary solid element in this diet. He became fat and sleek and a leader among rats.

One day he was taking a copious meal of oil, when he realized that he had forgotten his hereditary caution, and that a man was watching him. The man showed no sign of attacking him, but rather a pleased curiosity, and the rat therefore stayed. The result of this meeting was that in time the rat got into the habit of taking his meals in the presence of the workmen, and that to have killed so clever a creature would have been regarded as a crime. He led a happy life, and died of oil and years.

Farmer City is taking steps to secure the holding of the district farmers' institute at that place Feb. 16 and 17.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

COURT OF HONOR—Regular meeting of Decatur District Court, No. 39, this evening at 7:30 o'clock in G. A. R. hall. L. H. CLARK, Worthy Chancellor. J. M. BLYTHE, Recorder.

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"Store Crowding" Prices.

Referring to the popular and successful sale of our dollar (49 lb. sack) flour last week, known as "Beckwith's Cream Patent," we have concluded to continue the sale two more days that those who wish to take advantage of it may have the opportunity. This is our $1.25 flour reduced to $1. None better—strictly hard wheat and warranted in every particular.

We also quote you for two days only (unless sooner sold:)
1 gal. can Apples.....25c
1 gal. can Apricots.....25c
1 gal. can Peeled Peaches.30c
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These goods are all marked down 25 per cent. from their real value—30 per cent. below the usual selling prices the country over. Our stock of heavy groceries is up to date and at prices to suit your pockbooks. We have bargains for you. It is not our fault you pass them by. In fact our store is full of goods and plenty of competent clerks to give you quick service. In short we have one of the best Grocery Houses and Markets in the state for you to trade in, both being models of neatness, and always supplied with what you want.

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MAY MEAN WAR.

It Is Generally Conceded in Cleveland that Bushnell Will Not Appoint Mark Hanna to Succeed Sherman.

Cleveland, Feb. 4.—Careful inquiry among the intimate friends and political advisers of Chairman Hanna developed the fact that there is good ground for the report that Hanna will not be appointed to succeed John Sherman in the senate. Gentlemen close to Hanna said there is now no doubt that Governor Bushnell would appoint Lieutenant Governor Jones to fill Sherman's unexpired term and at the next session of the legislature, January, 1898, Governor Bushnell would himself be a candidate. The gentleman who gave this information said the fight between Hanna and Foraker would now be carried on to the bitter end and will not be, by any means, confined to state politics. The report that Hanna is being strongly urged to accept the position of postmaster general in McKinley's cabinet is also verified, but thus far it is stated, he has declined to enter the cabinet in any capacity.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Divorce Cases and Foreclosure Suits Receive Attention.

Brief sessions of the circuit court were held today.

Chancery Docket.

Enos Hart vs Emma Hart, divorce; evidence heard and decree granted.

Lydia J. Wilkins vs John W. Wilkins, divorce; cause heard; decree with $20 a month alimony and custody of child.

People's Savings and Loan association vs Margaret A. Leaby et al, foreclosure; decree for $1320.21; fee $75; bond of receiver $500.

W. J. Pegram vs W. L. Whitley et al; foreclosure; decree for $6434.66; receiver's bond $3000.

W. B. Hostetler vs Mary A. Curry, et al, foreclosure; decree for $108.35

New Ritual for K. of P.

Indianapolis, Feb. 4.—The supreme tribunal of Knights of Pythias, consisting of five members are in session here considering the new ritual for the uniform rank presented at the convention of the supreme lodge last summer. The question whether or not the ritual was legally adopted is involved. The session will last two or three days.

The Coffee War.

Trento N. J., Feb. 4.—The latest move in the coffee war between the sugar trust and the Arbuckles is the incorporation of the American Coffee company here. The incorporators are Henry O. Havemeyer, Theodore Havemeyer, John H. Parsons and John E. Searles.

Ball Tonight.

Tonight there will be an invitation ball at the Chronister hall on North Broadway. It will be under the management of George Burns, James Ward and Thomas Brooks. The Maxwell orchestra will furnish the music.

At the Play.

Hal Reid and his company appeared last night in "Human Hearts" to one of the largest audiences of the season. It was a good performance by a capable company. The home and farm effects were quite natural.

The members of the Harmony club held a meeting this afternoon at the home of Misses Marie and Annie Irish on West William street. The club is composed of young ladies who will meet every Thursday afternoon to play six hand euchre. The meeting today was the first that has been held.

Yesterday afternoon the Decatur basket ball team defeated the high school club at a game played in the Guards' Armory. It was a private affair and no spectators were admitted. A game will be played with the Bloomington team the first of next month.

Railroad Officers.

General Manager J. J. Turner, Superintendent McKeon and Secretary George E. Farrington of the Vandalia road, passed through the city this morning on their way to Peoria. They were in the general manager's private car.

Heavy Snow Storm.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4.—Specials indicate a heavy snow storm in some places the severest in years, prevailed in the southwest since yesterday. Guthrie, Okla., reports a heavy rain.

$3.00.

For the above price we will sell the finest shoes for gentlemen to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Folrath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign of the old cobbler.—26-d&wtf

Rumor of Trouble at Johannesburg.

London, Feb. 4.—The Globe says there is a rumor current that serious disturbances have taken place at Johannesburg.

Officer Ed Leech and family have moved into their new home at No. 1337 North Main street.

Miss Carrie Close is seriously ill at her home at the corner of West Main and Edward streets.

Miss Josie Cullen is at Springfield visiting Mrs. Thomas Murray.

The child of F. O. Riggs living on West Eldorado street, is ill.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business, have land to exchange for stocks of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
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THE MAGEE FLYNN LIBEL SUIT.

In a Deposition Chairman Hanna Denies that He Offered Them Money or Patronage.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—When the libel cases of State Senators Magee and Flinn against the Commercial Gazette and Press was called this afternoon in a deposition Chairman Hanna denied that he ever had an agreement with the plaintiffs or any one of them by which they agreed to give their support to McKinley; that he never held out any pecuniary inducements for their support; that defendants never asked for the control of patronage in return for their support of McKinley.

Raid on Indian Agencies.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb 4.—It is reported that an attempt to raid the Sac and Fox Indian agency was made yesterday. Three men are reported killed in a fight. It is said that General Thomas, the government agent, was murdered by the raiders afterward. There are no particulars and no confirmations.

Sales of Real Estate.

Sarah B. Lee to I. T. Springer, lot 15 in block 5 of Crowder & Cornthwait's addition, $425.

Edward F. Drobisch to Laura A. Weiser, lot 11 in block 6 in Wood's subdivision, $700.

Laura A. Weiser to Edward F. Drobisch, lot 3 in block 1 in Bellevue Place, $1500.

Marriage Licenses.

W. I. Bushart, Hervey City, 32.
Emma B. Grubbs, Decatur, 22.
J. W. Cameron, Long Creek, 19.
Elizabeth F. Blain, Long Creek, 18.
Mike Staab, Blue Mound, 38.
Catherine Dangel, Decatur, 25.

Tom Delaney, an old time fisherman o the Sangamon, is dying at the Soldier's Home at Quincy.

S. F. Dutton, of New York, recently of Denver, has been installed as manager of the National hotel at Peoria.

SAVAGE TELEGRAPHY.

A Mystery Which Has Never Been Solved by White Travelers.

By what occult means do barbarians transmit news with almost the rapidity of lightning? Again and again has this puzzled the advance forces of civilization. In the Soudan, where the world's interest centers now; with the Indians, on the western frontiers of the United States; among the Eskimos of Alaska—in fact, with savages in nearly every quarter of the globe—the facility with which information is spread far and wide is marvelous.

Only with the utmost difficulty has the intelligence department of the British army learned of the movements of the dervishes. The Egyptians and other native allies of the English army seem not to have been possessors of the dervishes' secret modes.

On the other hand, Mohammedans everywhere were informed of the advance upon the Nile of the Anglo-Egyptian army. No more pilgrims are going to Mecca, but all are flocking to the green standard of the khalifa.

Long before the tidings of the Custer massacre reached Fort Abraham Lincoln the Sioux had spread it among their brethren of the northwest. The scouts of Crook's column to the south knew of it in a day or two, and those with Gibbons, further northwest, were not long without the information. Terry's Crow scouts told their chief the next day, and the story was discredited. Two days later, when Terry reached the battlefield, he found his scouts had not exaggerated.

In Alaska several years ago a naval lieutenant on exploration ran short of provisions. He pushed on toward a settlement, reducing rations every hour. When he reached there he found the inhabitants had provided against his coming and had a bounteous store awaiting him. The people in the village were of a different tribe from those through whose domain he had passed, and so far as he could learn were not in communication with them.—Golden Days.

He Knew What She Needed.

One small boy, aged three, has a sister, aged nearly two, who has a propensity for upsetting her mother's spool basket. For this offense she has been to be corrected several times, and the brother has become aware of the enormity of the offense. Recently the mother heard a terrible uproar in her room, where the children were together, and, going to see what was the matter, found the little girl weeping, while the boy, looking very conscious of virtue and radiant with efficiency, said: "She tipped over the 'pool basket, mamma—but she's all 'panked."—Boston Transcript.

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DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN... SUITE 309.
DR. B. L. MAIENTHAL, PHYSICIAN, SUITE 322.
DR. J. G. HARVEY, Will remove from Arcade Building to his new office, Suite 348, Orlando Powers' Building
H. L. OLDHAM, Agent of the Building. ROOM 307.
C. S. HANKINS, Real Estate, Insurance and Loans. Suite 201.
UTLEY, IMPORTING TAILOR. ROOMS 202 & 204.
DR. O. T. EDDY, DENTIST. Suite 301 and 302.
DR. J. H. EDDY, Physician and Surgeon. SUITES 301 AND 302.
DR. N. D. MYERS, PHYSICIAN, SUITE 303.
DR. H. P. BACHMAN, ...DENTIST... SUITE 303.
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the well known public exponent of
FOOD SUBJECTS
Will address the housekeepers of this city Tickets may now be obtained free at the Opera House Drug Store.

A Souvenir Box of Cocoa and Chocolate Preparations, including that delicious confection
VANILLA SWEET CHOCALATE
will be given to each lady present.

Stage exhibit of Raw Food Products from the BOTANICAL MUSEUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, MASS.

No person admitted without a ticket.

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The Prince of Romantic Actors,
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As Played by Mr. O'Neill over 3,000 times in all the leading theatres of the United States and Canada.
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Sale of seats will commence' Friday morning, at the Opera House Drug Store.

5 Days' Sale
That Will Interest the CAREFUL BUYERS..

Commencing Friday morning, Jan. 22, we will sell all our new styles of Best Calicoes at 5c. All of our Indigo Blues in best makes at 3½c. All our ⅞ and 4-4 Percales, extra wide and heavy, at 8c, worth 10 and 12½c. All 6¼ and 7c Ginghams at 5c. Cotton Flannels, 4, 5, to 8 and 10c for the best.

In Dress Goods we will sell for 25c goods worth 35c. For 35 and 40c goods worth 50 and 60c. Goods worth up to 75, 85 and 95c for 60 and 70c.

BLACK SILKS — Duchesse Failles, Aidas and Taffetas, best makes, reduced from $1.25 and $1.35 to 98c for this sale.

Black Satins worth $1.00 and $1.25 at 78 and 98c.

Large lines of Grey Fleeced Blankets at 49, 59, 69, 79, 99, $1.19 and $1.49—factory price.

This is a sale to reduce stock before invoicing. Don't miss these bargains.

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HAS A FAMOUS RECORD.

Mrs. A. E. Rinehart, Champion Woman Century Rider.

Her Total Mileage for Thirteen Months Is 17,173 and During the Year 1896 She Made a Total of 116 Century Runs.

Colorado has a wheelwoman with a remarkable record. She is Mrs. A. E. Rinehart, wife of a photographer in Denver.

Mrs. Rinehart did not know anything about mounting, pedaling and steering a bicycle 18 months ago. To-day she has next to the longest string of century bars in America. About a year ago it was announced that a "century" had been ridden by a woman who had learned to ride a wheel but three months before. Cycling Denverites thought her feat remarkable. The woman who performed this feat was Mrs. Rinehart. A week or two later she rode another century, and her fame spread from one end of the state to the other. During the early spring the enthusiast did little riding, but in July she created a considerable sensation by riding ten centuries in ten days.

Just at that time Secretary Fairchild, of the Century Road club of America, went to Denver. Mrs. Rinehart met him and almost broke a commandment when she saw his string of century bars, which is the longest in the country, numbering 132. She expressed a desire to approach such a number, but Mr. Fairchild laughed at the idea. It is sometimes a dangerous thing to laugh at a woman, even such an amiable one as the average wheelwoman. Mrs. Rinehart then and there swore inwardly that she would bring her list of centuries to the 100 notch before the end of the year. Only about five months remained for her work and she had but 36 bars. From that time no one heard anything of her riding, but she was seen frequently skimming at a fast pace over the road. All the while, however, she was making her wonderful record, and the fact came out when she one day made a fast double century.

MRS. A. E. RINEHART.

During September, October, November and December she made many meritorious century runs, 23 in November alone.

In October she set out to ride 30 centuries in as many days. She had ridden 12 when the heavy storm that preceded Thanksgiving in the west came up and frustrated her plan. The roads were not in a passable condition again until the last day of October, when she started in again. She then rode 20 centuries in 20 days. Another storm curbed her efforts. Notwithstanding, she got a chance to ride 24 centuries in 25 days in November, and when the end of December came her total list of bars numbered 118, of which 116 were made in 1896 and the other two in December, 1895. Secretary Fairchild's string represents the accumulated century runs of five years, while Mrs. Rinehart's were made within 13 months. Her total mileage for these months is 17,173. This was exceeded by but two riders, both men, last year, the best score being 21,000. The prospect is that this probably will be excelled this year. The greatest number of centuries ridden by anyone in 1895 was 92. So that it is more than likely that Mrs. Rinehart's 116 will be another world's record for last year.

On three different occasions this champion rode double centuries, that is, 200 miles in one day. They were ridden on July 22, on August 7, and on September 27. On the last ride Mrs. Rinehart covered the distance in 16 hours and 18 minutes. The Century Road club allowed her a state record on this feat, although the record has been lowered since. It is a little singular that the best time in which she ever rode a century was made on this ride, her second century that day being ridden in seven hours and forty-three minutes. She covered the last 20 miles in an even hour.

When Mrs. Rinehart began to ride she used a drop frame, but during a big cycle show in Denver last February she decided to ride a diamond frame. She found herself so attached to the bearings and gear of her old machine, however, that she had them changed to diamond frame. Her wheel weighs 23 pounds, has a 22-inch frame, and is geared to 72. On her century rides she stops often at houses along the route, and the children in these houses adore her. On the day before Christmas she had great fun playing Santa Claus up to date. She mounted the wheel with a huge sack of presents and covered 100 miles, distributing gifts among women who had entertained her and the little folks who love her.

Mrs. Rinehart's string of century bars, representing the last year's work on her wheel, is more than a yard long. It is of 14-karat gold, and each little bar cost, at a Chicago jewelry house, 56 cents. So far the string represents an outlay of only $59, but five times that sum would not purchase it from the owner.

CARPENTRY FOR BOYS.

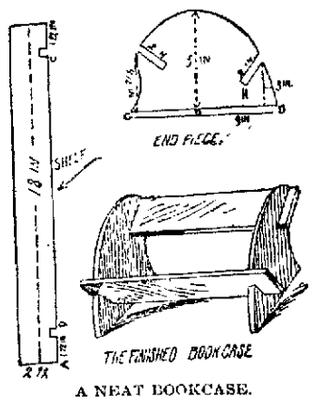
How They Can Make a Neat Bookcase and Pretty Inkstand.

These long winter evenings and stormy Saturdays are just the time for the boys to busy themselves with their jack-knives.

Any number of beautiful and useful articles can be made for fitting up your room or for decorating your home.

Have you just a few books of your own that you are anxious to have always near at hand—say at the head of the bed in your own room? Why not make a neat little bookcase for them? It is easily done, and the cost is practically nothing at all.

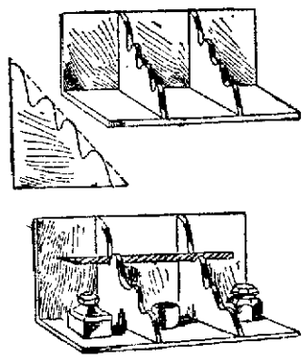
The bookcase shown in the picture is of oak, but if you cannot get oak, use



A NEAT BOOKCASE.

hard pine or cherry or butternut, the last of which is especially desirable.

As you will see, the bookcase is very simple in construction. There are four parts—two end pieces and two side pieces, or shelves. Wood a half inch thick will do very well. Have it neatly and smoothly planed on both sides and of a size large enough to make the various pieces of the dimensions shown in the picture. In the end pieces the grain of the wood should run lengthwise from C to D, thus preventing splitting. The height from A to B is six inches. Draw a perfect diagram of the end pieces on the board taking care to have every measurement exact. If you have a scroll saw you can readily follow the lines and cut out the end pieces; but if you haven't



BOY'S INKSTAND.

saw with an ordinary saw as nearly to the lines as possible and trim off the sharp corners with your jack-knife. The sides of the two small slits may be cut with a saw and broken out with a chisel.

Next make two connecting pieces, or shelves. As shown in the picture, they are 18 inches long by 2½ inches wide, and when they are completed they should fit snugly into the end pieces and remain solid without nails. The bookcase is now complete, so far as your jack-knife is concerned. With bits of broken glass and sand-paper smooth off the joints and corners and polish the wood smooth. If you like, you may give it a coat of oil or shellac varnish, and it may be still further ornamented with a neatly carved design on the ends, or studded with brass nails, to suit your fancy. This makes an exceedingly convenient and handsome bookcase, which will occupy only a small space, and which in moving can be readily taken apart and packed.

Try it and see if you don't like it.

Another very neat and pretty object which any boy can make is a wooden inkstand and penrack. To make it get two pieces of wood one-fourth to three-eighths of an inch in thickness, ten inches long by four inches broad. Fasten the two together with fine brads so as to form a right angle. Now, take another piece of wood of the same thickness four inches square. Cut this in two from corner to corner, and then, with a sharp jack-knife, cut the penracks as shown in the picture. When this is done fasten the two triangular pieces to the main body of the inkstand, three inches from each end.

Now give the whole inkstand a thorough sandpapering, and if it has a good grain and a pretty color a coat of colorless shellac will dress it out the best. If it is not especially attractive rub it with walnut or mahogany stain and afterward shellac it.

At any stationery or department store two glass ink wells and a glass sponge cup with square bottoms may be obtained at small expense. The ink wells may be fastened by means of four neat little cleats to each end of the stand and the sponge cup in the middle as shown in the picture. If a sponge is not desired the central cup may be used for pens, rubbers and other little objects. This inkstand makes a very pretty gift.—Chicago Record.

Collects Old Boots and Shoes.

There is no accounting for tastes or for hobbies, and royalty is not exempt from manias. One of the oddest of hobbies is that affected by the queen of Italy, who collects old boots and shoes. Not, be it understood, the discarded pedal coverings of the common people, but relics of celebrated or historical personages. She has one shoe which belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, and another which encased the foot of Marie Antoinette. In addition, every ruler in Europe and some in Asia have sent her a pair of discarded shoes to add to her queer collection.

WOMEN DISCOURAGED.

Good and Sufficient Reasons for the Blues.

Doctors Fail to Understand Symptoms That Are Danger Signals.

A marked trait in woman's character is to place implicit confidence in her physician.

A man must work entirely from theory in the treatment of female diseases, for unfortunately facts based upon actual knowledge, belong to the female sex alone. Many women who periodically suffer with attacks of faintness, dizziness, extreme lassitude, "don't care" or want-to-be-left-alone feeling, do not at first realize that these are the infallible symptoms of womb trouble and the forerunners of great suffering.

Soon they grow to feel that the doctor does not understand their case. Then they remember that "a woman best understands a woman's ills," and turn to Mrs. Pinkham.

The following letter is but one positive illustration of this fact:—

"Four years ago I began to suffer with great weakness of the generative organs. My womb was prolapsed; I suffered with continual backache and all the other pains that accompany that weakness. I tried doctor after doctor, had operations. The final operation after which I became a total wreck, was scraping of the womb. A friend one day, recommended to my husband your Compound. He bought me a bottle. The relief I experienced after taking it, was wonderful. I continued its use, and I am glad to say my recovery is a perfect surprise to everybody that knows me."—MRS. B. BUHM, 4940 San Francisco Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

FASHIONABLE CLOTHES.

Small boys' reefers of kersey or chinchilla cloth, in blue, brown, gray, red or tan, with pearl or gold buttons.

Revers of white mousseline and cloth of gold embroidered in white and light-colored pearl and crystal beads.

Evening waists consisting of a blouse front and puff sleeves of chiffon and a corselet and bolero of satin or velvet.

Very high ribbon collars overtopped by a mousseline frill that does not succeed in hiding quite all of the stock.

Corselet belts and stock collars having one side fastened under lace rosettes centered with buttons apparently jeweled.

Fur-trimmed suits having a bolero and collar of fur with vest of white satin gold-braided, covered or jaboted with lace.

Turnover neck frills and squares of a latticework of baby ribbon dotted with spangles and edged with lace for the same purpose.—Dry Goods Economist.

MANUFACTURED NOVELTIES.

D. B. Jones, of Brooklyn, owns a watch that formerly belonged to Oliver Cromwell.

The statue of Jupiter Olympus by Phidias was of gold and ivory and was 58 feet high. It was finished in the year 444 B. C.

Queen Victoria's crown was made in 1838, contains 2,783 diamonds, 273 pearls, 27 emeralds, 17 sapphires and five rubies.

The largest steam hammer in France is that at the works of Marrel Freres, at Rines-de-Gier. It is of 100 tons weight and works on an anvil which weighs 600 tons. The face of this anvil is a solid block of cast steel weighing 122 tons.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Illinois Central railroad having reduced the rate on corn to New Orleans to 13 cents per hundred, the current of grain has turned again in that direction.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

R. H. OLIPHANT,
No. 325 East Main Street.
New Quarters with a Neat Barber Shop and Express Line Combined.
CHAS. PERKINS
Will Cut Hair for..... 15c
Will Shave you for..... 10c
When you want a Wagon, ring up old phone 442

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Well I should say we would do the business the way we have marked our goods. All our winter goods must go and we knew the prices would tell and that is the reason we are doing the BUSINESS; and we mean to keep on doing the business. Remember we carry the largest stock in Decatur to pick from from, and we carry the best style and fitting clothing in Decatur and at the lowest prices. No wonder we are doing the BUSINESS. Call before the bargains are gone.

CHEAP CHARLEY,
...The Reliable Clothier...

BULL'S Cough Syrup
Is a remedy of sterling value. It positively cures all Bronchial Affections, Cough, Cold, Croup, Bronchitis and Grippe. You can always rely on it. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is indispensable to every family. Price 25 cts. Shun all substitutes.
Chew LANGE'S PLUGS. The Great Tobacco Antidote. 10c. Dealers or mail, A. C. Meyer & Co., Balto., Md.

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And up to the finest made—the largest lot in the city. Don't forget the place.
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All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.
COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.
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WHERE WILLIE WENT.

Walnutting While Wintry Wisconsin Winds Wailed Wildly.

Wisconsin's wild winds were whistling when Willie Wade went walnutting. Warmly wrapped was Willie, with woolen wrapper, wadded waistcoat, with warm wristlets.

Willie Wade wondered why Willie wouldn't wait until warmer weather, when Winnie would walnut with Willie.

Willie wandered where Walter West was wheeling wood, with wonderful wheelbarrow, wishing Walter would walnut.

Without wasting words, Walter whistled: "Whew! Walnuts will wait, while wood won't."

Where walnut woods were, woodmen were working with wabbly-wheeled wagons, with worn, weary, wretched work horse, which was wasted with weakness, which was well worn out with work.

Woodman Wheeler waggishly wrecked Willie's water-pail, where upon water wet Willie's winkers; Willie wept woefully.

Woodman was worried. "Why weep Willie? Weak women weep with woes. Whistle, Willie!"

When winkers were wiped Woodman Wheeler went with Willie where walnuts were. Willie's wooden water-pail was well filled, while wee wrens warbled, wood-pigeons whizzed.

Willie warily watched while Woodman waged war with wasps—which wasn't wise. Wasps were waxing warmer, whereupon Willie, with water pail went where Widow Walman, Winnie's washerwoman, was who well washed woolens with warm water with washing-machine, wringing with wringer.

Willie went within wash-room, where Widow Walman welcomed Willie with warm wheat waffles, with wholesome whortleberries washed well with water.

When well warmed, Willie wandered where water was, willows waved; where, when weather was warmer white, waxen water lilies were witnessed.

Willie waded where web-footed water Winnie, with well-filled water-pail was witnessed.

Winnie warmly welcomed Willie.

When woods whiten with winter when windows wear wonderful white frost works, Winnie, with Willie, will welcome walnuts, will want warm walnut cake.—Youth's Companion.

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La Place News.

George Miller and Will Hyland drove to Decatur last Saturday afternoon.

Will Fleck made a flying visit to the capital of Macon county last Wednesday.

D. B. Espy went to Springfield Monday as a delegate to the state convention of M. W. of A.

Monroe Fouts and Miss Nora Lacey, both of this place, were married last Thursday.

A Campbellite preacher and lecturer from Texas, will lecture here tonight on "Inspiration of the Bible."

Ed Chapman of Casner, was here on business on Sunday eveing.

Mr. Arthur McNickle, whom was mentioned last week as having been hurt in a runaway is getting along very well, but was hurt much worse than was at first reported.

Miss Bertha Roach of Decatur, who had been visiting Mrs. H N. Greene, returned to her home on Monday.

Wm. Fahs of Cerro Gordo, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Shanklin went to Maco non Sunday where he will visit with his brother a short time, and then go to Pana to look after some business.

Wilson Edgcomb has purchased the Pete Fouts property and will move into it about the first of next month.

Rev. Hill of Hammond, was here Monday.

Alfa Cheney took a crowd of young folks to Cerro Gordo in his sled Sunday night.

John Hoyt shipped a car load of cattle from here Tuesday evening.

G. W. Stoner shipped five head of horses to Lexington, Ky., last Friday. They will be sold in a driving horse sale to be held in that city Feb. 8.

Jerry Brubaker was a Mt. Zion visitor last Tuesday.

J. E. Kearney was in Decatur Monday.

Alva Sayler returned Monday evening from a visit to Monticello and Bement.

Messrs. Alva Redman and Frank Edgcomb and the Misses Annie Havener, Cora Shumate and Louis Kinus attended a literary entertainment at Bell Forest last Friday night.

Will Wampler and Miss Lettie I. Renberry were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents three miles northwest of this place.

D. Stout of Lintner, was on our streets Wednesday.

Perley Miers of Lake City, was doing business here last Monday.

George Breckenridge of Ullrich station, was here Wednesday.

Did You Ever

try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. 50c and $1.00 at West's drug store.

Dalton City.

Misses Maggie and Ella Mulvey have returned home from their visit in Kansas.

Alva Armstrong and Maude Freeland were married at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday, Jan. 27.

William Huffman, of Bethany, was seen on our streets Saturday.

George Goodman, of Lovington, visited friends in Dalton last week.

R. F. Duggan and W. M. Hardy, of Decatur, were here Thursday and Friday on a hunting expedition and succeeded in killing thirty rabbits. They reported rabbits scarce here.

Mrs. McIntire visited in Decatur last Monday.

Fred Stover was a Decatur visitor last Thursday.

J. H. Nolan visited Findlay last week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, Jan. 31, a girl.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Loving, last week, a son.

Saturday morning, Jan. 30, Mr. Dave Nibiser had the misfortune of losing his house and its contents by fire. His son, Lucius, also lost $50 in cash.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rouch, Jan. 30, a daughter.

Charley Jones, of Decatur, is assisting R. M. McCarty in his blacksmith shop.

Ed Volmer is chief engineer for W. A. McClure.

B. F. Muller and James Reeder are preparing to start a laundry here.

Jeff Goff, of Sullivan, is visiting friends here.

States Attorney Whitfield was seen on our streets Thursday.

Harmon McIntyre is visiting J. W. McIntyre this week.

Mrs. C. A. Hight is assistant cashier in the Dalton City bank.

Miss Nannie Rouse will teach the New Hope school this spring.

The Modern Woodman lodge boys met last week.

W. A. McClure received three cars of ice from Pekin.

Miss Phiona Darcine visited Bethany Monday.

B. B. Combert is visiting his folks in Ramsey.

Miss Dora Jones is assistant postmaster for B. B. Combert.

Johnnie Sheris visited friends here Monday.

George Wagner, of Sullivan, was on our streets Monday.

Mike McCarthy visited Sullivan and Findley this week.

Billy Varner has started a livery, feed and sale stable.

Don't forget to call at the Arcade restaurant when in Dalton. S. A. Duggan is the proprietor.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruses, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Many thousands of men get their necks into the slip-noose of death every day without realizing it. A little over-work and worry. A little neglect of health. Not sufficient time for meals and rest and sleep. The digestion gets out of order. The appetite falls off. The blood gets impure and weak. The victim is troubled with headaches and feels dull and despondent. Work comes hard and there is no pleasure in life. Finding him in this condition, death strikes at him in his weakest spot. If the nervous system is weak, the man breaks down with nervous prostration or exhaustion. If he is flat-chested, death slowly strangles him with that deadly weapon—consumption. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption. It restores the appetite and digestion, and acting through the blood upon the lungs, drives out all disease-germs and builds up new and healthy tissues. It is the great blood-maker and blood-purifier. It corrects disorders of the digestion and invigorates the liver. It builds firm flesh, but does not make flabby flesh on corpulent people. It tones the nerves and cures nervous prostration and exhaustion. Do not permit dishonest druggists to substitute something alleged to be "just as good" as this marvelous medicine.

"When I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, I had very poor health," writes Mrs. Belle Ostrander, of Naples, Ontario Co., N. Y. "My weight was then 115 pounds; now it is 160 pounds. I think for indigestion there is nothing like Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

If money is the root of all evil, constipation is the root of all disease. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

The town of Monticello has just completed a new town hall, and claims that it now has the finest place for public entertainments of any town of its size in the United States. It contains, besides the public hall capable of seating 500 persons, complete quarters for the public library, and is heated by steam and lighted by electricity throughout.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprieror St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by la grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

The Farmer City fair asosciation having made a sale of some unused land, has paid its debts and is in good shape for the next fair.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

President Draper has issued a letter fully exonerating Pease, the student who was charged with throwing the fluid into the young lady's eyes in the recent escapade at Urbana.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Rsers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Capt. Sol. York has made a neat fortune in steamboating on the Illinois and will probably retire from the river, if he can sell the City of Peoria.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Illinois Central branch reports that 4000 tons of broom corn are still in farmers' hands along their road. The price ranges from $40 to $50 per ton according to quality.

LOST—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, Doing business as Smith & Calkins—Debtors.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, doing business as Smith & Calkins, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1896, transfer to the undersigned, as assignee, all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Smith & Calkins are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.
Dated December 30, 1896. [Jan 6-d6w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and south-west.

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Take the new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis—Solid Daily train.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 38; Old No 430. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made, $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuracy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
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FOR SALE—Fine land near Beamont and Port Arthur, Texas Low prices. Easy Terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or blizzards. Profitable crops; rice, cotton, fruits, vegetables. Enquire of ALLINSON & FLEMING. I. C. City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill.
Jan 5-d5w

FOR SALE—For spot cash, $250, you can get a fine building lot, very high ground, size 40x182, on North Union street. Only one left; don't all speak at once. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street.
Nov 13-dtf

FOR SALE.—Here's something that will unlock your pocketbooks. Three fine lots, very high, on North Union street, size 40x182. $300 apiece, or $800 for all; one-half cash; balance on easy payments. Elegant building lots, new houses all around. Can use a good driving horse as part pay. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street.
Nov 13-dtf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—71 acres of land suitable for Poultry, Hog, Dairy or Garden farm, four miles from Decatur; good five-room house, cellar, two wells, spring, two barns, that hold 30 head of stock, corncrib, granary, together with farming implements; team, one cow, one stack of millet, two stacks sheaf oats, 350 shocks of corn, with fodder; all in running order; one-half in cultivation, balance pasture—about 300 choice young fruit trees, besides all kinds of small fruit. Possession given any time. $6,000 takes it; some property, some money, and easy time. Would make somebody a handsome home. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. nov13-dtf

FOR RENT.

FOUR MODERN HOUSES close in, on west side, for sale at a bargain, by BROWN & JEFFRIES, 252 West Wood st. 22-d&w2w

FOR RENT—A three-room house, No. 1137 North Main street, with good cellar, well and cistern. Rent reasonable. Inquire of B. I. STERRETT, office over the Chicago Department Store. 3-d6*

FOR RENT—The building formerly occupied by Dr. Swain, on South Franklin street. The building is 20x40, suitable for shop and office. Apply to W. H. GRINDOL. Jan 25-dtf

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-fl&wtf

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS OF ALL KINDS.
FISK BROS., Over Farmers' Bank.
mar9 dtf

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent, on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also loan money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street
dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block.
july 7-d1m

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—A child's ring, with red ribbon attached. Owner will be returned same by calling at this office, identifying property and paying charges. 3-d6

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. PETTIBONE, Business and Test Medium, will hold materializing seances Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 8 p. m. Also business sittings daily, at 457 N. Jackson street.
2-d6

SALESMEN—$5 a day. No canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market St., Philadelphia. jan 23-d4w.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

THE FINEST FLOWERS.—N. Bommersbach, proprietor of the Decatur Greenhouse, has in stock at all times the finest and largest variety of cut flowers and plants at the lowest figures. Inspect the display at the greenhouse on Spring avenue. Leave orders at office or with J. B. Bullard, Syndicate Block.
Jan 4, 1897-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this arcicle. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodanic Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom Penlwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 18-dtf

THE DECATUR RUBBER STAMP WORKS. James M. Myers, proprietor, 301 S. Church street; Old Phone 38, Decatur, Ill. Rubber Stamps of all kinds, and for all business purposes. Price markers and everything in the commercial stamp line. Send for circulars, etc.
2-d6*

CITY COLLECTING AND RATING AGENCY.

He rents buildings and collects all kinds of claims at the most reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call on or address GEO. W. CUSTER, Room 501, Arcade Building.
Jan. 8-dtf

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Uriah Edgecombe, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Uriah Edgecombe, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1897.
HANNAH EDGECOMBE, Administratrix.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys. Jan 26-d3w

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of George Q. Baker, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of George Q. Baker, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1897.
SARAH ANN BAKER, Executrix.
Jan 15-d3w

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 23-dtf

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty.—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 345 N. Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephones { Office, 272 / Res., 216. | Residence 1446 N. Edward St.

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephone—Residence, 364; Office, 365.
Residence—555 West North St.

I. D. STINE.
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41
RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(Old), Office 555; Residence, 556
Aug. 28-dtf

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free.
TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.; 7 p. m to 8:30 p. m.
Room 22 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill

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Book Binder.
Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing. 127 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Magazines bound, names stamped in gold on books

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CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
Constable and Collector,
147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 329, New 78, Residence, Old 306
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.
NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rolly Springs Route to **FLORIDA**

Through Sleeping Car daily from St. Louis to Jacksonville via Illinois Central, and Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. Sleeping Car Service in connection therewith from Chicago and from Sioux City.

CALIFORNIA
—VIA—
NEW ORLEANS.

Pullman Buffet Sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sun set Limited," for Los Angeles and San Francisco. **Pullman Tourist Sleeper every Wednesday** THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE from Chicago to San Francisco.

TOUR OF ALL MEXICO...

via the Central Route, under the auspices of the **American Tourist Association**, will leave Chicago **JANUARY 19th, 1897, FERRUARY 27th, 1897.** Tickets include all expenses, Railway, Sleeping and Dining-Car Fares, Hotels, Carriages, etc.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans
March 1st and 2d, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this occasion will be made in due season, particulars of which can be learned of your home agent.

Homeseekers Excursions SOUTH

From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at **One Fare for the Round Trip**, plus $2.00. To certain points South from stations west of Iowa Falls, Ia., inclusive, on the **1st and 3d Monday** of each month; east of Iowa Falls and north of Cairo, Ill., one day later, viz.: **1st and 3d Tuesday.** Homeseekers' tickets will also be sold from stations north of Cairo and east of Cedar Falls to points on Illinois Central west of Iowa Falls, and from all stations on the Central Route north of Cairo to certain points

WEST AND SOUTHWEST
on the **1st and 3d Tuesday** of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Central Route and connecting lines.
A. H. HANSON, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, Chicago.

Administrator's Sale of Land.

Notice is hereby given that I will, as administrator of the estate of Rebecca A. Sechrest, deceased, at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of

Friday, February 12th, 1897,

sell at public vendue to the highest bidder, certain premises situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot nineteen (19) in H. A. Wood's South Park Addition of Out-Lots to the City of Decatur.

That said premises will be sold for cash in hand.

That such sale will be made by virtue of an order and decree of the County Court of Macon county, Illinois, pronounced at the January Term, A. D. 1897, in the matter of the administration of said estate.

Dated this 14th day of January, A. D. 1897.
CHARLES F. BACHMAN,
Administrator of the Estate of Rebecca
Jan 13-d4w A. Sechrest, deceased.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of Macon county, State of Illinois.—In the matter of the estate of Edwin S. Spencer.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Edwin S. Spencer, confectioner, of Decatur, Ill., and all persons having any claims against said Edwin S. Spencer are hereby notified to present the same to me under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated this 2d day of January, 1897.
jan 2-d6w W. C. DIMOCK, Assignee.

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M. D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive proposals for the entire stock of goods, consisting of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, tinner's tools, etc., up to March 1, 1897. The stock is clean, and if desired the building can be rented for the coming season, or can be purchased reasonable.

Macon, Ill., Jan. 11, 1897.
Jan. 29-d6w W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

R. R. TIME TABLES.
In effect May 30, 1896.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	13	* 3:50 a m
14	*11:15 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	+ 7:40 a m	17	+ 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	* 3:40 a m	6	*10:25 a m
11	* 6:55 a m	4	*11:25 a m
5	+ 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	+ 4:00 p m	10	* 9:10 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*10:13 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	* 3:28 a m	1	*10:10 a m
4	*11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*10:18 p m	5	+ 3:50 p m
10 Laf. accm	+ 4:40 p m	3	* 3:20 a m
		11	+10:30 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	* 4:05 p m	4	*11:20 a m
3	* 5:40 a m	2	*10:05 p m
17 Spfd only	+ 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg	+ 7:35 a m
11 Spfd accm	+10:34 a m	10 Effm accm	+ 4:36 p m

*Daily. +Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily.........1:32 a m	Diamond Special, daily.........2:55 a m
No. 104, daily, 11:25 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday......9:30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday......2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday......10:10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday......6:11 p m	No. 123, daily, 3:32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday.......2:25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday......10:15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6:00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 9:03 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago......11:52 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis.....2:58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1......10:42 a. m.	A No. 2.........2:41 p. m.
D No. 3......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4.........3:50 a. m.
A No. 31......4:50 p. m.	A No. 30........6:15 a. m.
	S No. 36........7:10 a. m.
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2........2:47 p. m.	A No. 1........10:50 a. m.
A No. 4........4:10 a. m.	D No. 3........10:20 p. m.
A No. 30.......6:35 a. m.	A No. 31........5:00 p. m.
S No. 36.......7:30 a. m.	A No 11........3:15 p. m.
A No. 10......10:42 a. m.	
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass...+11:25 a m
" 1 Pass....+2:25 p m	" 4 Pass...*10:20 p m
" 7 Acc....+10:00 a m	" 8 Accom..+4:00 a m

*Daily. +Except Sunday. ‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.
In effect Jan. 17, 1897.
Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.
No. 7, Ex., Sun. 11:42 a. m..........For Peoria
No. 5, Ex., Sun. 7:00 a. m..........For Peoria

FOR THE EAST.
No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8:00 a. m.......For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex., Sun. 3:25 p. m.......For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

The Wabash, in connection with the I. D. & W. and C. H. & D. Railways has inaugurated a line of sleeping and parlor cars on the night trains between Hannibal, Decatur, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal Winter resorts in the South and Southeast.

Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

Homeseekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

Washington, D. C., account Presidential inauguration. One fare round trip. Tickets sold March 1st, 2d and 3d; good returning not later than March 8th.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans March 1 and 2.

The Canadian Pacific special conducted excursion "Around the World" leaves about May 1st. Tickets $500. For information and particulars call at city office.

The Wabash "California Flyer."

Quickest and best service to CALIFORNIA is now offered by the Wabash Railroad, in connection with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Vestibuled sleeping cars through to Los Angeles without change, making twenty-one hours better time from St. Louis than any other line, and corresponding time from other points.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

FLORIDA
—AND—
Southern Winter Resorts.

With the inauguration of new train schedules, we are now able to give our patrons service to the South which is not equaled either in time or comfort by any other line.

The day train, which arrives at Evansville at 6:15 in the evening, makes direct connection with the Louisville & Nashville limited train for Nashville, Memphis, Montgomery and New Orleans, and also for Jacksonville, Fla., via Chattanooga, Tifton and Macon. This train carries Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars, Evansville to New Orleans, Guthrie to Memphis and Evansville to Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.

This service enables the PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RAILWAY to offer to its patrons a route to

Florida Twelve Hours Quicker

than via any other line, and to give its passengers every comfort en route.

For rates, time cards, maps and all information, inquire of any Agent or write direct to
A. G. PALMER, Gen. Pass. Agent, Evansville, Ind.
S. J. CASSETTY, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Peoria, Ill.
O. M. TICHENOR, Pass. Agt., Mattoon, Ill.
Jan 11-dtf

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the City Electric Railway Company of Decatur, Ill., will be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1897, at the office of said company in Decatur, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Decatur, Ill. February 2, 1897.
CITY ELECTRIC RY. CO.
W. L. SHELLABARGER, Sec. [Feb. 2-dt4

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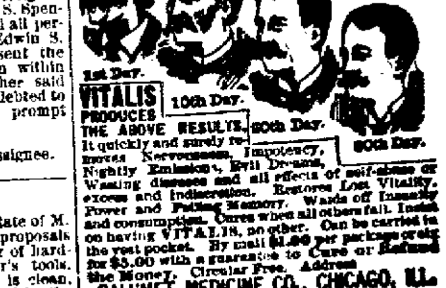

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Special Sales.—

OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.

On February 1st commence a Special Sale and continue with one Department each week until their stock is greatly reduced, quoting unheard-of prices. It is necessary to do this in order to settle up the firm business, and the large stock must be closed out.

This Week Our "Sale" is CUT GLASS...

Notice Prices in our Front Show Window and you will see that we are quoting facts.

See our ad. next Saturday for some other Department

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

We're After Money!

So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than $6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only $5.00 per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for $3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to $2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular $4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only $2.65 per pair. Ladies' $2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only $1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED
FOR 10 CENTS
—AT—
KING'S DRUG STORE,
By using Dr. Hamilton's Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts., Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

Burks' White Pine Balsam, coughs, colds

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but——

Ladies' felt slippers 50c at Folrath & Hardy's.—26-dwtf

Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Meh 25 tf.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Hiram B. McGregor to Daniel Stookey, 80 acres in 10 and 11, 16, 1 east, $4800.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Ladies' felt slippers, 50c at Folrath & Hardy's.—26-d&wtf

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture For sale by the Cerrodanie Co., 21 Syndicate block. jan 16-d1m

Henry M. Wilson and Mrs. Lydia A. Stafford have been granted origical pensions through the agency of M. Shea.

Exhibitors are making preparations for the display to be made Feb. 9, 10 and 11, in the corridors of the court house during the Macon county farmers' institute.

Do not fail to call upon J. P. Winebrener at Ottenheimer & Co.'s clothing house as it will be a personal favor for he sells altogether on commission to his friends.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 233 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

For Sunday dinner—a nice turkey, duck, goose or spring fry.
Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.
Telephone 344. 3-d3

Some snow fell this forenoon but the ice harvest goes ahead just the same. D. A. Maffit is getting a superior quality of 11 and 12-inch ice out of the river. He has 200 men at work.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the First M. E. church will hold the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Mart'n, corner of Edward and Cerro Gordo streets, next Friday, Feb. 5, at 2:30 p. m.

The members of the Good Time Dancing club held a meeting last evening at the Gebhart hall on North Water street. There were about sixty young people present. The Woodman orchestra furnished music.

Births.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. Lunn, of No. 731 West Eldorado street, on February 3, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William Akers, in Long Creek township Feb 3, a daughter.

Around the World.

The Canadian Pacific Special conducted excursion "around the world" leaves about May 1. Tickets, $560. For itineraries and particulars call at Wabash city office.—28-d1w

$2.00.

For the above price we will sell the finest shoes for ladies to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Folrath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign of the old cobbler.—26-d&wtf

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.
West's Drug Store.
Allcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds. at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

MARRIED AT 83.

Banker B. F. Harris, of Champaign, Marries the Widow of Rev. J. H. Noble.

Banker B. F. Harris, 83 years old, of Champaign, and Mrs. Carrie E. Noble, a good looking widow, aged 60, were quietly married at Kankakee yesterday, at the home of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Theodore Heermans. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Doney of the First Methodist church in the presence of a few relatives. It was the groom's fifth marriage. Mr. Harris is widely known in Central Illinois as a millionaire banker, farmer and capitalist. He is the president of the First National bank of Champaign, having been engaged in the banking business in that city for forty years. Mr. Harris owns several thousand acres of the best land in Champaign county. He still exercises a general supervision over his large business interests, and has found time, during the last year, to make several trips to Kankakee. Mrs Noble is the widow of the Rev. J. H. Noble, formerly a Methodist minister of this city and also of Champaign, who died many years ago. She resided several years in Champaign, and made the acquaintance of Mr. Harris in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have gone to St. Louis for a few days, with the intention of visiting other cities before their return in the spring. They will make their home in Champaign, where Mr. Harris owns one of the most handsome residences. H. H. Harris, the only son of the groom, is cashier of the First National bank at Champaign, is owner of the Champaign Gazette, street railroad, electric light and water works.

NOT SO MANY APPLICANTS.

The Work at the Charity Headquarters Was Not So Rushing Today as It Has Been.

The work at the charity headquarters was not so rushing today as it has been. There were quite a number of applicants but not near as many as formerly has been. One class of people who worry the people at the store is the Poles. The women who come for help seem to want everything in the store and then they are not satisfied. This morning a Polish woman was at the store who was a little different from most who come. She said that her husband was sick and that the family was in need. A supply of food was then given her. She was presented with a sack of potatoes, a quantity of hominy, some beans, a sack of corn meal, and some bread and meat. When the things were given the lady she was indignant. She said she would not have such stuff and turned and walked out of the store. Some of the ladies in the store remarked that the food was as good as they sometimes had in their own homes but the Polish woman evidently seemed to think that she was going to receive all the delicacies the market affords.

Among the donations received today were the following: Frank Plumer, five bushels of potatoes; O. & W. shoe store, shoes; The Needle Work Guild, new clothing; G. W. Younts, a quantity of flour; J. W. Herman, clothing; Mrs. E. A. Hughes, clothing; Mrs. E. Carter, clothing; Folrath & Hardy, shoes.

HAD A BIG KILLIN'.

Meeting of the Princes of the Orient in the New Hall.

The February meeting of Lucullus Council, No. 1, illustrious Princes of the Orient, in the new K. P. hall in Powers' block, was largely attended last night and considerable business was transacted. It was proposed to give up the ball and instead give an athletic entertainment, but the dancing element triumphed and the ball and banquet will be given. The ball will occur on the night of Wednesday, Feb. 24, instead of March 3, as originally planned. There were a number of pilgrims taken into the fold last night in a manner that they will remember to their dying day. The new kinks afforded great fun. Some of the boys are still laughing, none more loudly than the victims who went through the awful ordeal. They were Jack Lilly, F. G. Schultze and George H. Beatty of the city police force; H. W. Crabb, J. A. Weigand, Lewis Brown, C. H. Childs, Dr. W. H. Bell, Attorney O. W. Smith, John Halpin and A. H. Farmer. All members of the council should remember the changed date for the ball and banquet, Wednesday night, Feb. 24, and plan to be present.

The Baptist Orchestra.

It was stated in last evening's issue of the Republican that the Baptist church orchestra would go to Oreana Saturday evening to give a concert. Such was the purpose of the organization, but that trip has been postponed, and Saturday night the usual rehearsal will be held at the church. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, the orchestra, which numbers fourteen instruments, will give a high class concert at the church. It will no doubt be liberally patronized.

Funeral of Mrs. C. T. Warfield.

The remains of the late Mrs. Eva Warfield, wife of Charles T. Warfield, will arrive in Decatur tomorrow forenoon from San Antonio, Texas, and will be taken direct from the Wabash train to the residence of Spencer Huff, brother of the deceased, at 540 North Jackson street. The funeral will take place from the Huff residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. W. H. Penhallegon of the Presbyterian church, will conduct the services.

Practically Unanimous.

The January grand jury, politically, was practically unanimous for McKinley and the old flag. The vote stood 21 R. publicans; 3 Popocrats.

R. G. WELL'S DEATH.

Well Known Citizen Died at Noon To-Day at a Hospital in Chicago.

BODY WILL ARRIVE TO-MORROW

Deceased was the Foreman at Union Iron Works and was a Prominent Member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Robert G. Wells, a well known citizen of Decatur, died at noon today at a hospital in Chicago where he has been for the past two months. He was 47 years old and is survived by a wife. Mrs. Wells and Rev. W. H. Penhallegon of this city, were both with Mr. Wells at the time of his death. He had been in poor health for some time and went to Chicago to receive medical treatment for an affection of the bladder. On December 9 an operation was performed for his relief but he did not rally. He has gradually grown worse and yesterday it was known by his friends in this city that he could not recover.

The deceased had been an orphan since his early life and he was raised by an uncle, Robert Atchison of Chicago. He came to Decatur about sixteen years ago. For a short time he was connected with the Decatur Novelty Works but afterward took the position as foreman of the Union Iron Works and has held that position ever since. He was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian church and at the time of his death he was one of the elders in the church. He was also a member of the Y. M. C. A. and superintendent of the Sunday school of the College street chapel. He was instrumental in making the chapel a success and he is said to have been one of the most useful and hardworking members of the Presbyterian church. A few days ago when Mr. Wells' condition became alarming Rev. Penhallegon, his pastor, went to Chicago, and stayed until he died. Mr. Wells had many friends in the city who looked upon him as a most excellent man and the news of his death will bring sorrow to many.

The body will leave Chicago tonight and will arrive in Decatur early tomorrow morning. The time of the funeral has not yet been fully decided upon Rev. Penhallegon and Mrs. Wells will accompany the remains home.

Personals.

Mrs. John Scott is ill at her home on South Jackson street.

Arthur Race is confined to his home by an attack of malaria.

Mrs. Frank M. Watkins is recovering from an attack of illness.

Rev. W. H Wilder is ill at his home in Bloomington, due to overwork

Mrs. Lillie Condell will arrive in the city from St. Louis in a few days.

Mrs. John Braden has been called to Quincy on account of the illness of her sister.

Sheriff J. P. Nicholson, who has been confined to his home by illness, is able to be out.

Walter Wismer is now in the messenger service of the postal telegraph and cable company.

Mrs. C. N. May is seriously ill at her home at the corner of Clinton street and Leafland avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. McLean of Maroa, left today for Maysville, Ky., where they will visit relatives.

General George A. Marden of Lowell, Mass., who has been the guest of K. Harwood, left yesterday for Peoria.

Fred Eichinger, who has been visiting the family of M. Eichinger, returned yesterday to his home in Adrian, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Millikin have gone to Florida where Mr. Millikin will look after an orange grove he owns in that state.

Miss Mollie Shultz, of St. Louis, arrived in the city last night. She was called here by the serious illness of Mrs. M. W. Shultz.

Charles Hartzell of Denver, Col., arrived in the city last night to join his wife who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones.

J. C. Crane is suffering with the result of a painful accident which he received last Tuesday evening. He fell and broke the ligaments of his leg.

Catcher Adams, who was with the Decatur ball club last season, paid the Republican a call yesterday. He will play with a league club in the south the coming season.

Mrs. W. J. Condell, who has been dangerously ill at her home, 1123 North Edward street, is now able to be up and around, but she is still too weak to leave the house.

Manager Fred Given of the opera house, is expected to arrive from Columbus, Ohio, the last of the week. He was detained in settling up the affairs of his brother, who died suddenly.

Ray Ringland is now a clerk in the office of the Hotel Brunswick. Lately he was connected with the Magill house at Clinton. He will go on the road in the spring for the McCormick agricultural implement firm.

WILL LOOK AT THE BOOKS.

Affairs of All State Institutions are to be Overhauled

The Springfield Journal says it is more than probable that the present legislature through special committees will do a vast amount of investigating before it adjourns. From the general talk now being indulged in by the members every charitable and penal institution in the state will be subjected to a searching inquiry.

There was a small meeting of senators from northern Illinois Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the advisability of having a committee appointed to look over the books of the Joliet prison

"We agreed that it should be done said one of the senators afterwards, "but have not yet fully determined as to how we shall proceed. The penitentiary at Joliet has used up over $800,000 in cash during the last four years, all of which was appropriated from the state treasury Besides this, it has used up thousands of dollars made by the 400 convicts working under the old contract system. I think if the truth were known it will be shown that the Joliet prison has cost the state over $1,000,000 during the last four years."

Then there is talk of a deficit of near $100,000 at the Chester penitentiary and charges of gross mismanagement. Certain it is, however, that arrangements are on foot tending towards a complete investigation as to the management of every public institution in the state.

"I think the Republicans would be foolish," remarked a senator in conversation with some fellow senators regarding an investigation, "to take a lot of bankrupt institutions off the hands of the Democrats without first checking up the accounts. I think the legislature should take the matter in hand and show the people the financial condition of every prison, reformatory and asylum in the state."

GIVEN TO THE JURY.

Arguments Concluded in the June Lancaster Case.

The arguments in the county court in the case of the people vs June Lancaster were concluded this afternoon shortly after three o'clock, when the court's instructions to the jury were read and the twelve men retired to make up their verdict. I. R. Mills for the prosecution and David Hutchison for the defense, spoke before the noon hours, and this afternoon C. C. Leforgee for the defendant, and I. A. Buckingham for the prosecution wound up the talk. The addresses were vastly more interesting and entertaining to the crowd of spectators than 16 to 1 talks, and every speaker had a crowd The admission was free.

It is predicted that Lancaster will be acquitted on the charge of bastardy, the accusation brought by Addie Cooper a mulatto.

Mrs. J H. Glore will enter some of her famously good bread for the Farmers' institute exhibit.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 4, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. A. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	74
May	74¾	76⅛	74⅛	75⅞
July	71¼	72¾	70⅝	72
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	22½
May	21	21¼	21	21⅛
July	25⅛	25⅝	25⅛	25⅜
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	17
May	17⅜	17¾	17⅜	17½
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	.....
May	7 57½	7 60	7 55	7 57
Lard—				
February	—	—	—	.....
May	3 87½	3 87½	3 80	3 80
Ribs—				
February	—	—	—	.....
May	3 87	3.87½	3 87	3 87½

May wheat: puts, 74½c; calls, 76⅛c; curb, 75⅞.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS

Wheat—14. Estimated, 17. Year ago, 100.
Corn—575; Estimated, 575; a year ago, 117.
Oats—305; Estimated, 234, a year ago, 76.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 25; Corn, 550; oats, 230.
Hog receipts 22,000; estimated, 36,000. Market higher.
Light, $3.35@3 50; Mixed $3.30@3.45, Heavy $3.30@3 45, Rough $3 20@3 25.
Estimated for to-morrow, 19,000.
Cattle receipts, 5,500. market 10c higher.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 4.—Corn, easy, new, No 2. white, 19½c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 20@20½c; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Butter, firm, creamery, 19@21c; Eggs, steady. 13@15c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Wheat, May, 82⅛c Corn, May, 30c, oats, May, 22½c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—Wheat, cash, 84c, May, 84½c; Corn, cash 20, May, 21¼; Oats, cash 17½c; May, 18⅝.

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MORE WINDY WORDS.

W. J. Bryan Invited to Address the Kansas House of Representatives After a Long Debate.

NOT THE IDOL OF ALL KANSANS.

A Judge Resigns to Avoid Impeachment —The Captain of the Agra Safe —Ohio National Bank Suspends.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5.—The house of representatives after several days of lively debate, adopted a resolution inviting W. J. Bryan to address that body. The Republicans secured the striking out of the original clause the words declaring Bryan "dear to the heart of every true Kansan."

Judge Metz Resigns.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 5.—Judge Metz tendered his resignation to the governor and it was accepted. The house had decided to bring impeachment proceedings against him and the senate prepared to resolve itself into a court for his trial tomorrow. It was charged that he permitted the Sun Dance bank to transfer worthless marsh lands to minor ward of his court in liquidation of a debt of $9000.

Another Hurricane in Australia.

Victoria, B. C., Feb 5.—News received by steamer is to the effect that Port Darwin, a small but important town in South Australia, has been almost wiped out by a hurricane. No lives were lost but the loss of property was very large. The hurricane was accompanied by a heavy rain which damaged the goods in the unroofed buildings.

Captain of the Agra Safe.

Gibraltar, Feb. 5.—The steamer Onega today signalled that the steamer City of Agra from Glasgow, was lost. The captain of the Agra is on board the Onega.

Ohio Bank Suspends.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The comptroller of the currency was advised of the suspension of the First National bank of Franklin, Ohio, today. At the date of the last report the bank had on deposit $75,000; assets, $158,000.

The comptroller also received a telegram from two directors of the Northwestern National bank at Great Falls, Mont., stating that because of certain actions by the cashier they had taken possession of the bank and asking instructions from the comptroller; also asking that a receiver in the vicinity, take charge until the national bank examiner could reach there.

WHAT ILLINOIS IS AFTER.

Modest List of Federal Jobs Sought at Canton.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Up to date the following Illinois aspirants have declared their preferences: Pension agent at Chicago, Isaac Clements, of Carbondale, a Cullom and machine man, and C. P. Dufton, of Aurora, who will receive Representative Hopkins' support; district attorney for the northern district, S. H. Bethea, of Dixon, and Charles Fuller of Belvidere, both machine men; United States marshal for northern district, John Ames, of Streator; collector of internal revenue, northern district, F. E. Coyne, of the 12th ward, backed by Senator-elect Mason; sub-treasurer, Senator Munroe, of Joliet, a business partner and warm personal friend of Madden, upon whom both United States senators will probably unite; Senator Aspinwall of Freeport, Representative Hitt's candidate, with A. H. Revell of Chicago, as a possible candidate of the McKinley element; collector of customs at Chicago, William Penn Nixon, machine candidate, and C. U. Gordon of the Marquette club, an original McKinley man; appraiser, David Shanahan; marshal, southern district, Charles P. Hitch of Paris; district attorney, southern district, Richard Yates of Jacksonville, and Otis Humphrey of Springfield, Ill. J. M. Rice of Peoria wants to be assistant secretary of war; Congressman Aldrich of Chicago, desires to reside in Belgium as the diplomatic representative of this country; Clarke E Carr seeks his old post as minister to Denmark; Horace S. Clark of Mattoon wants to go as minister to Mexico, and Robert Wiles of Freeport aspires to be commissioner of patents.

Lincoln, (Ill.) Street Railway.

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 5.—The application of the bondholders of the Lincoln Electric Street Railway for a receiver was favorably acted upon yesterday afternoon, the court appointing William H Traner, who gave bond of $10,000, and ordering the employes paid out of first receipts. Patterson and Kuhn of Bloomington, who have been operating the line, resisted the action, and prayed an appeal to the appe